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'Town regeneration needs to be more more imaginative'

– says local Vale councillor

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

THE new Barry Regeneration Board meets for the first time this week and a local councillor has said development of the town needs to be far more imaginative – even suggesting the docks might be a destination for cruise ships.

Coun Steffan Wiliam told The GEM a feasibility study should be carried out on number one dock at the Waterfront to see whether it could welcome vessels with tourists, adding that leisure uses, such as a marina, should also come under the microscope.

Amended plans for land at the Waterfront, which include houses, community and leisure uses, have been submitted by a consortium, but the question of what will happen to the water remains a mystery

In the planning submission by the consortium, it quotes from its Development Principles Document which insisted: "Water should be seen as an active part of development rather than just a backdrop. Detailed consideration must be given to what uses can be made of the water."

The latest plans are only concerned with the Waterfront areas, not the water.

Coun Steffan Wiliam, whose Island ward will be included in some of the new development, said: "We need a more imaginative approach to the regeneration in Barry.

"Why don't we attract cruise ships to number one dock? They could refuel, restock and the tourists on board would become customers for the Vale's tourism industry."

Cruise companies are currently running nine and 12-night round Britain sailings, and Coun Wiliam said: "The dock is deep, so why shouldn't Barry be one of the stops?

"Passengers would have to go somewhere and many would like to see where Gavin and Stacey was filmed, visit a local beach or take in a trip to the Vale.

"I want to see people visiting the town who haven't visited before.

"We should be thinking of both the existing facilities that we have and the natural ones, and working it all together in an integrated way so there is a benefit for the Waterfront, Nells Point, Whitmore Bay and the Knap."

REGENERATION BOARD

The chairman of Pride in Barry, Mr Paul Haley, insisted that plans for the water area had to be addressed, and said: "Since speaking to The GEM two weeks ago, with regard to the lack of certainty of regeneration monies for Barry, I have been invited onto the Welsh Assembly's new Barry Regeneration Board, which meets this week."

Mr Haley had expressed fears that the £9million that the town was promised when it became a 'strategic regeneration area' might be cut, but believes the board meetings will be a forum which will provide information on funds.

"I hope that I can get some clarity regarding future funding. I will also ensure that community interests are properly represented and I see use of the water as being central to that.

"I am well aware of the attempts to get facilities and access so that youths can learn to sail – as I did when I was young.

ABOVE: Steffan Wiliam.

"There is a recognised lack of any activity and movement on the water, and this must change if we are to attract further waterside investment."

Mr Haley added: "One thing that has happened in the last few years is that the people of Barry have at last found their voice.

"There are some great ideas now being generated. The new board should actively encourage initiatives and ideas and be a catalyst for ensuring we make Barry the town that we want it to be for future generations – and, very importantly, ensure the town's heritage is remembered."

NOISY NEIGHBOUR GETS FINAL WARNING

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

AN unruly neighbour has been warned at Cardiff Crown Court that unless she behaves, she could end up behind bars.

Alison Dondera (49) of Penarth, had admitted two charges of breaching an anti-social behaviour order.

Recorder Charles Fox, told her: "Whatever you think of your neighbours, your behaviour was indefensible.

"It must be absolutely shocking living next door to you when you start ranting and raving and playing music loudly."

Dondera was sentenced to eight months imprisonment, suspended for a year, and made subject to a supervision order. She received a further two months to run consecutively, also suspended for a year, for the breach of a community order which had been made in respect of the breach of another ASBO.

The Recorder also imposed a further ASBO to last five years.

Prosecutor Owen Williams said that Dondera had been made subject to the orders which involved her being banned from anti-social acts relating to residents of Laburnum Way and Hawthorn Avenue, Penarth, and in particular, a neighbour Mrs Deborah Kay.

On February 3, said Mr Williams, she contravened the order by shouting obscenities at Mrs Kay.

Three days later, at 8am, Mrs Kay heard shouting and loud music and a song coming from Dondera's home, which included the line "*Living next door to Alice, Alice, who the .... is Alice*?"

The court heard that Dondera had a conviction for racially aggravated harassment.

Her counsel, David Maunder, said: "This is a difficult case and her behaviour has to be contained in the future.

"There has been bad feeling on both sides which has spiralled out of control."

The court heard that Dondera had been in custody 138 days.

The Recorder pointed out that she had no psychiatric problems and should control herself.

"If you decide not to accept the help we are giving you, you will end up back in prison," he said.

Campaign for centre continues

PLAID regional AM Chris Franks says new Westminster-based Transport Minister, Mike Penning, has ruled out replacing the Barry Driving Test Centre.

Mr Franks said he received the news in a letter: "I'm very disappointed that the Minister will not even consider an alternative location for a test centre in Barry.

"This closure has meant extra expense for learners and I will be monitoring very closely the time learners have to wait for tests."

In the letter, Mr Penning said that the old test centre was in a poor condition and that relocating testing meant better facilities for instructors and drivers.

Lyndon Davies, chairman of a campaign to reinstate the driving test centre, said: "The instructors are not giving up the campaign. We and Jane Hutt AM met Rosemary Thew, the chief executive of the Driving Standards Agency recently, and thought the meeting had gone well.

"Waiting times for tests in Cardiff are now eight weeks, which is far too long. We are going to consider what our next move is. It could lead to a strike later in the year, where we don't book tests for a two-week period to show the strength of feeling."

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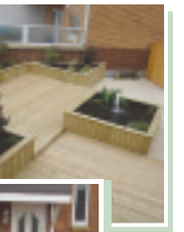

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Women's choir were in fine voice

I attended an excellent recital by new women's voice choir 'Belladonna' at Cowbridge Town Hall on July 2. The event was sold out and the first public performance by this new local amateur choir, supported by professional singers, was remarkable. This was great value for money and I look forward to further Belladonna events.

Anthony Childs-Cutler

PRIDE STARTS AT HOME!

PRIDE in Barry is a wonderful concept, but sometimes such pride starts at home; consequently, may I appeal to our Barry Town councillors to tidy up their own backyard, namely the hedgerow at the rear of the Barry Memorial Hall, where it runs alongside St Paul's Avenue.

Not only is this unkempt and overgrown, with brambles starting to pose a snagging hazard to passing pedestrians and pets, but for months it has been a haven for ancient black bags, discarded drink cans and general fly-blown rubbish.

On the other hand, this could just be a wicked plan to add some local colour for the 'Gavin and Stacey' tourists who, I understand, have started to flock to our gem on the south Wales coast.

I hope I am wrong.

Christopher Short, Barry

Where has road money come from?

OUR new Vale MP seems to be singing from the same hymn sheet as the last one; has the waste of millions spent on the Red Dragon hangar slipped his mind, fought for, long after it had no work coming in?

All the talk is of new jobs: they are mostly transfer jobs with an effect on other areas such as Abotfield, Blandford, Cranwell, to name a few.

But as I have said previously, what is to go on outside the boundary area is of as much concern to this once peaceful area. Already there are alterations planned for the concrete road, Burton bridge, Weycock Cross. Some may welcome the changes, but most have come to live in a rural area not an urban one.

How large traffic is to come from Culverhouse Cross through Barry beats me.

Many improvements are welcome, such as Five Mile Lane, but where is the money to come from, and how has it been mysteriously found? What's more, these alterations need to be done prior to the site commencing – no small task as most involve agricultural land.

Which reminds me, isn't the government concerned about food production in years to come?

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What if the cuts 'medicine' makes the country sicker?

IT is reasonable for the Government to follow a policy of reducing the deficit and attempting to stimulate small businesses with carefully-designed inducements, in order to respond to the wishes of the 'money markets', in accordance with a plan which wins their approval, as they understand economics from their own perspective.

However, if this 'medicine' and 'pain' which they, the bankers, consider to be so essential for the country's recovery, damages the national economy to the extent that the circulation of currency and the purchasing power of millions is reduced by unemployment and by VAT increases, then small businesses will not be able to respond as the Government hopes, in adopting such advice.

The first law of economics is that every business needs customers with money in their pockets. The money men who proposed these savage cuts on the living standards of other sections of society, may well be quite sincere in their intention later to invest in the economy – but they will be quite unwilling to invest in those businesses which they had hoped to encourage, if they then observe that customers are not knocking at the door.

Tax breaks from the Government gave them hope, but only customers, circulating money, build and expand businesses.

The best hope for this economy, and for any economy, is, and always was, the involvement of every citizen, in producing goods, providing services and consuming the necessities of a civilised life style in the 21st century.

That is a more stable and secure basis for the operation of all economic and market forces. Feudalism, the separation of society into the Haves and the Have-nots, was never a reliable model for sound economics.

It really is not smart to take the risk to go in that direction, once more.

CN Westerman, Brynna

'Anglers not there to cause any trouble'

I WOULD like to reply to the letter in The GEM by Mr Stephens of Rhoose, on fishing in the lagoon at Rhoose.

Quite frankly, I'm baffled by his comments. I am an avid fisherman (for 20 years) and so are around 15-20 of my friends.

We generally go as a group of 5-10 people, and are not there to cause trouble, but just to enjoy ourselves fishing peacefully.

The area of land is in the hands of the receivers and council tax doesn't come into effect here.

How are we to get youngsters to take up a sport/hobby if some people don't give them a chance?

Maybe we should all give up and let the hoodlums carry on as they were before.

R Clarke, Llantwit Major

'So glad to catch up with our GEM!'

WE have been away from home for a month and our wonderfully tidy house-sitters have recycled our June copies of The GEM.

We read it from cover to cover each week.

In particular, we are sorry to have missed our regular armchair walk with the Penarth and District Ramblers.

We would be really grateful if you could tell us where we can obtain back copies.

Ted and Roma Broadbent

PS Grateful thanks go to all the wonderful volunteers who give up their time to clean up the local beaches. (Story in a recent GEM).

It is much appreciated, even if we don't always remember to say 'thank you' – and makes a trip to the beach much more pleasant for everyone.

***FOOTNOTE:** Your kind words are much appreciated. Each edition of The GEM is now available on-line each week and is completely free of charge to view. Website addresses are printed at the foot of Page 2 each week.*

'Please support Galilee project'

I WOULD like to thank Viv Kelly for his excellent and informative article in The GEM on the plans to develop the Galilee Chapel.

The refurbished Galilee Chapel and the freed-up space in the West Church will together create a fantastic community resource – the largest in Llantwit Major – and will be open to all sections of our community. The display area for the Celtic stones should also become a major tourist attraction.

As a fellow committee member, I would welcome interest and involvement from anyone who thinks that this space might be useful to their group.

The Galilee Chapel project has a website through which you can contact us: www.illtudsgalileechapel.org.uk.

Please also support the project by joining our Facebook page – just search for Galilee Chapel. We need all the support we can get to secure Heritage Lottery funding to make this project a reality.

Nick Lloyd James, Llantwit Major (Galilee Chapel committee)

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 22)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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15 Thur	09.49	9.8	22.02	10.2
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17 Sat	11.19	9.3	23.34	9.3
18 Sun			12.06	8.8
19 Mon	00.31	8.7	13.03	8.4
20 Tues	01.25	8.3	14.09	8.0
21 Wed	02.44	7.8	15.21	7.7
22 Thur	03.59	7.8	16.39	8.0

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SULLY COUPLE CELEBRATES '60 GLORIOUS YEARS WED!'

A couple from Sully, who met at a dance in the village 65 years ago, have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

George Payne (83) married Mary (81) at Sully Church on June 17, 1950.

Mary told The GEM: "We had two celebrations, one on our anniversary at the Manor House Inn on Sully Road with family, and friends from Sully Painting Club, and one with just the family at the Celtic Manor."

George originally met Mary at a dance in the village while he was on leave from the Army.

George explained: "I was serving with the Royal Berkshires and on embarkation leave.

"I then went off to Burma for 12 months and served in the 'canal zone' in Egypt for five months.

"When I was demobbed, I returned Sully. My parents had a bungalow next door to my future wife."

While George was serving abroad, Mary worked in the accounts of a clothing company in Cardiff.

ABOVE: George and Mary received a card of congratulation on their diamond wedding anniversary from the Queen.

Following the war, George worked as a maintenance supervisor for BP Plastics at Sully Moors Road for 28 years. Mary worked in the medical records department at Barry Hospital.

The couple have two daughters Anne and Lynn, and three grandchildren.

Lynn said: "It is a wonderful achievement. We are very proud of them. They are an inspiration to the family."

The family also have a notable family connection to one of the most famous military battles of the 19th century.

Mary explained: "My grandfather Hitch won the Victoria Cross at Rorke's Drift. He was a bit of a wild lad from London!"

Frederick Hitch was just 22 years old at the time of the battle and was decorated for his defence of patients in the hospital; he died in London, aged 56, in 1913.

ABOVE: Friends Matthew Venton, Gary James and Craig Stephenson are inviting people to Barry Island Social Club on Sunday evening to Island Life, an event to support a young family who have lost their father.

'Island Life' remembers a great friend... *and rallies to support his grieving family*

by TIM CHAPMAN

SOMETIMES a family suffers a loss so devastating it is difficult for them to see the goodness in life – until a community like the people of Barry Island rallies to their support.

On May 23, at the age of just 41, Simon Mortimore-Brown took his own life, leaving his partner Carol, and three children aged seven, 10 and 16.

His brother Craig Stephenson told The GEM: "It was a huge shock. He was a well-liked, friendly person.

"He was a 2nd Dan instructor and ran two Tae Kwon Do clubs in Barry and one in Llantwit Major – lots of local youngsters knew him."

One of his friends, Matthew Venton, recalled Simon as a man who was always making a contribution to the local community.

"Simon helped to paint the nursery and play area at Barry Island School, and worked on the gardens that overlook the dock. If any of the local children needed their bikes fixed, like a puncture, they would go to him and he'd do it for them."

Following the funeral, his family and friends decided they had to do something in Simon's memory and to help Carol and the children.

What they came up with was 'Island Life – In Memory of a Friend' a live music night at Barry Island Social Club on Sunday, July 18 from 6pm to 11.30pm.

In the words of Craig's wife, Simone – "*it's an opportunity to celebrate Simon's life, and to remember him in a nice way*".

The idea for the 'Island Life' event came from another Island resident, who did not know Simon personally, but was moved by the family tragedy.

Gary James explained: "I moved to the Island five years ago and got to know Matthew and through him, also met Craig, Simon's brother. I attended the funeral and wanted the community to do something positive for the family."

The organisers hope that money raised from the evening will enable Carol to take the children away for a holiday.

Matthew added: "Tickets for the event are £5 and people are very welcome to come on the night. We've got the ACAB band and the Leighton Jones band, and there will be guest performers too.

"We've been amazed at the response of the many Barry businesses and individuals who have sponsored prize raffles and offered help in other ways."

The organisers said they wanted to thank BPU, Paget Inn, Finnegan's Inn, Peter Stewart, Borough Arms, Ceasars Palace Arcade, Carousel Arcade, Harbour Arcade, Beauty Clinic, Creative Cuts, Lee Jones, Chris at the Marine Hotel and Mahli for their generosity in making the evening a reality.

Carol told The GEM that the event had her full blessing.

BINGO IN RHOOSE

RHOOSE Community Centre at Stewart Road, Rhoose, is holding a fundraising bingo afternoon on July 16. Doors open at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. All proceeds go towards the cost of running the hall.

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With Dave's Coach in the background, it was a case of 'all aboard' for the new Gavin and Stacey tour of Barry and the Vale.

Island's love affair with Gavin and Stacey goes on as a bus tour is launched

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE first Gavin and Stacey bus tour was launched at Barry Island on Saturday morning (July10).

Brit Movie Tours has created the sight-seeing venture in collaboration with makers of the TV show, Baby Cow Productions, and the Vale Council.

Brit Movie Tours director, Lewis Swan, said: "One of the aims of the tour is to get fans of the show a bit closer to the locations they know so well on screen.

"It is also a wonderful way to help in the renaissance of Barry Island as a destination for visitors.

"The tour has attracted a lot of interest – from even as far away as Australia. We've sold out the 31-seat bus for the first two tours, and have bookings for the next few Saturdays."

Fans of the drama-comedy will get the chance to go inside 'Stacey's' house, meet the real Marco of Marco's Café, call into Smithy's local and visit 'Nessa's' slot arcade.

Gwenda Kenyon, who owns 'Stacey's' house, promised people a warm welcome when they visited her, adding: "It couldn't be a better day for the launch."

First aboard were two sisters from Kinross in Scotland.

Caroline and Amanda Scott, aged 19 and 17, were on holiday near Swansea and decided to make the trip to Barry Island to board the famous Dave's Coach.

Caroline said: "I've been a big fan of the show – Nessa is my favourite character – and we had to go on the trip when we heard about it."

Her younger sister, Amanda, added: "It is all very exciting. I think it will be an interesting trip."

In a neat twist to the launch, the tour guide, Brenda Tucker Lowell, announced she was an Essex girl who married a Barry boy!

Island traders were delighted with the launch.

Marco Zeraschi, whose café has become world famous, thanks to the TV series, said: "Barry Island hasn't seen anything like this before. It really puts us on the map and shows what we have to offer. Along with the European Blue Flag, it is another encouragement for people to visit."

Pat Collins, whose family runs attractions on the Promenade where the tour launch took place, added: "I'm getting colleagues in the seaside entertaintment business in resorts like Bournemouth and Margate, saying to me: '*What are you doing down, there? There is so much about Barry Island.*'

"Gavin and Stacey is a phenomenon, and this will encourage more visitors from around the country."

Spurned boyfriend trashed a house and set fire to car

by AJ SICLUNA

AFTER falling out with his girlfriend, a young man went on a wrecking rampage in Barry, causing "wanton damage" of £9,000 in a house he burgled, and an hour later he set fire to a car.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that at the time, 18-year-old Jay Lynch-Wilson was going through "emotional turmoil".

Lynch-Wilson, of Barry, was sent to a young offender institution for three-and-a-half years.

He admitted charges of burglary with intent to cause damage, causing damage, and arson.

Said Judge Philip Richards: "These were three very serious offences. They caused your victims feelings of desolation and heartache."

Prosecutor Sian Phillips said that in the early hours of April 3, Lynch-Wilson was in the Acropolis nightclub in Barry Island, where he exchanged words with a relation of his ex-girlfriend Tracy Lewis.

After drinking a substantial amount, he broke into the unoccupied home in Park Avenue of a stranger, Wendy Townsend.

He split open the front door, smashed items in the living room and totally destroyed the kitchen. He even poured detergent over items.

Total damage in the house came to £9,056.

Lynch-Wilson's blood was found on a kettle and he was traced through his DNA. He told the police he had drunk nine pints of lager and had taken the drug methadrone.

Shortly after that, he was seen buying petrol at a garage at Weycock Cross. From there, he went to Sycamore Crescent, Barry, the home of his ex-girlfriend, and set her car on fire.

"It was virtually destroyed." said Ms Phillips.

The court heard that Lynch-Wilson had a previous conviction for affray.

His counsel, Heath Edwards, said: "He committed these offences out of jealousy and frustration. He took drink and drugs and acted out of character.

"He was going through emotional turmoil. It was an aberration and prison will be a shock to his system."

Reins handed over at Rotary meeting

AT a recent meeting, Don Carsley the outgoing president of Barry Rotary Club, handed over the reins to Ceri Griffiths who was sworn in as president for the new Rotary year.

Outgoing president Don Carsley hands over to new president of Barry Rotary Club, Ceri Griffiths

Ceri (better known as 'Griff') who runs the Welsh Hawking Centre on Five Mile Lane with his wife Norma, last filled the role in 2006/7.

At the same meeting, Carl Kerr and Peter Chaffey were reappointed secretary and treasurer, David Ball became president elect (for 2011/12).

John Shapland was installed as president nominee (for 2012/13).

Speaking afterwards, Griff reaffirmed his commitment to the ideals of Rotary to serve others and committed the club to continue support for those less fortunate and giving support for the final eradication of polio which Rotary is undertaking with support from Bill Gates.

He said that in order for the Club to do this it was critical to attract new members to continue the good work. He invited anyone who has a similar motivation and enjoys the companionship of like-minded people to get in touch with secretary Carl Kerr on 01446-736641.

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CHARITY OUTING

PENARTH All Saints' work party are running a coach trip to Monmouth on Friday, July 30, leaving Victoria Square, Penarth, at 10am – return will be approximately 4.30pm.

Cost will be £100 with all the proceeds to charity.

Contact Mary Thomas on 029 2071 1657.

POLICE NOTICE: Don't leave valuables in your car!

POLICE in the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend have warned motorists not to leave valuables in their cars when unattended, following a rise in autocrime at local coastal car parks.

Central Division's Detective Chief Inspector Lorraine Davies, explained: "There have been a number of thefts from motor cars recently when they have been left by visitors to the Vale's beaches while going for walks. All too often, motorists have left personal belongings visible in their cars when they have left them to go for a walk along the beaches or coastal paths at popular sea-side locations such as Ogmore-by-Sea, Southerndown and Nash Point.

Rural vale neighbourhood Inspector Mark Taylor, added: "As well as targeting potential autocrime, we will continue to clamp down on any drugs use in the area.

"Our beaches and local attractions are places for everyone to enjoy all year round and we hope that this continues to be the case."

Thanks for diabetes street collections

RECENTLY, a group of volunteers from Diabetes UK – Vale of Glamorgan Branch, put on two street collections for research into diabetes.

The first was in Penarth town centre and the second in Barry (Holton Road area). The money raised from the two collections was £359.

The group wishes to thank the residents of each town for their kindness in donating towards this fund for research into diabetes, a medical condition which is becoming more frequent among the nation.

JS Williams (Secretary)

U3A talks and walks

THE Barry and District University of the Third Age were recently given a most interesting and entertaining talk by Mr Bernard Brown.

He spoke on the subject of digital photography, illustrating many of the possibilities that are possible of this medium.

The next meeting is a walk tomorrow (Friday, July 16) meeting at Cosmeston Visitor Centre at 10.30am. The walk leader will be Mrs.Val Warlow.

ABOVE:
The Vale Council say the Knap lake is cleaned regularly and the green slick will be removed soon.

Knap's green slick is to be removed

LAST week, GEM reader Paula Belby posed the question: Where has the green slime at the Knap lake arrived from, and what can be done about it?

Paula pointed out that apart from it being unsightly, it was a magnet for rubbish in the lake.

Miles Punter, the head of visible services at the Vale Council, has been in touch with The GEM to explain: "In certain climatic conditions there can be a build up of algae within the lake feeder system, which appears to be the cause of the green slime-like material referred to.

"On the vast majority of occasions this is a natural process and it doesn't necessarily mean that there has been a release of either uncontrolled water or waste matter into the lake feeder system.

"The feeder and lake are cleaned on a scheduled basis and we will ensure that this material is now removed and the feeder and lake returned to a reasonable standard of cleanliness."

Barrivale Bridge News

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

Tuesday, June 29.

First, Mark Roderick and Mike Best – 59.38 per cent. Second were Irene Thomas and Graham Jones (58.33) and third were Kay Dyer and Mick Green (54.69).

Handicap winners were Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, telephone 01446 733425.

Summer school

SALEM Baptist Church, Barry, is holding its free summer holiday club for 5-11 year olds from July 26-30.

Activities include games, songs, craft, quizzes, fun sheets and drama DVD with an overall theme of Rocky's Plaice.

All leaders are CRB checked and times are 10am-12noon. To register in advance, as numbers are restricted, telephone 01446 734621.

LOCAL JUDGE RESIGNS AFTER ALLEGATIONS OVER CONDUCT

THE Office for Judicial Complaints has announced that a judge has resigned after questions were raised about his personal conduct.

Judge Gerald Price QC (61) had been suspended while the Lord Chancellor investigated whether he had breached the judicial disciplinary code, following allegations of a personal relationship with a 'rent boy'.

In a statement, a spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said: *"Gerald Price QC, a Circuit Judge who was appointed to the Wales Circuit in 2000, has resigned from judicial office following an investigation into allegations about his conduct originally published in the media in June 2009.*

"While the media reported a number of allegations against Judge Price, the judicial investigation only focused on those that had an impact on his role as a judge.

"The investigation found that his actions brought the judiciary into disrepute, rendering his position untenable."

The spokesman said that Judge Price had been told before Christmas that his conduct warranted removal from the bench.

"In the light of the investigation, the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice informed the judge in December 2009 that they considered his behaviour merited removal from office.

"In accordance with the judicial discipline regulations, Judge Price was entitled to ask for their decision to be reviewed by a Review Body panel.

"He did so and the panel was chaired by Lady Justice Smith. The panel agreed with the original decision of the Lord Chief Justice and Lord Chancellor and recommended that Judge Price should be removed from office.

"The judge has, however, resigned before the disciplinary process was formally concluded. His resignation took effect from 30 June 2010," the spokesman added.

RNLI fundraiser Chris wins gold!

RNLI Barry branch chairman Mrs Christine Tutton has been awarded a prestigious gold badge for her 28 years of service and fundraising for the charity.

The presentation was made at the Barbican in London. Chris has been a loyal member since 1982. Then known as the Ladies' Guild, it became a fundraising branch in 2001, when men were invited on to the committee.

She has held many roles within the branch including those of secretary, souvenir secretary and vice-chairman and is currently chairman, a post she has held since 2008. She had already received her silver award in 1997 after 15 years service; she is a highly regarded, hard-working committee member.

The fundraising branch members will celebrate the occasion with a special meal at Guiliano's restaurant to show their appreciation for her work for the branch.

Appeal fund boosted

BARRY councillor, Rob Curtis, has held a Fairtrade coffee morning to raise funds for the Mary Seacole memorial statue appeal to honour the Crimean War heroine who tended wounded soldiers on the front line.

Coun Rob Curtis, who represents the Gibbonsdown ward, said: "I would like to thank all those who supported this event and especially those who gave donations but were unable to attend the event. We were able to raise £100 to add to the memorial fund."

People can donate online at www.maryseacoleappeal.org.uk or send a cheque (made payable to MSMSA) to Mary Seacole Memorial Appeal, c/o Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN.

ABOVE: Winnie the Pooh and fans!

Traditional fayre proves to be a great success

MORE than 600 visitors attended a family-fun fayre held at St Francis Millennium Hall, Barry.

Winnie the Pooh and Bob and his Balloons entertained the children, while parents were greeted by a vast array of crafts and produce.

Vale AM Jane Hutt opened the fayre and later returned to enjoy the day: "This is just what Barry needs - local people showing their talent to a wonderfully receptive audience. This really is a breath of fresh air".

The charity Follow Your Dreams' was supported by the organisers and representatives were present to inform and highlight their work.

LATCH FUN DAY

A HYDROFITNESS family fun day for LATCH takes place at Victoria Park, Barry on Sunday.

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PROUD DAY AS THE VALE CELEBRATES CLOSE LINKS WITH ROYAL AIR FORCE

RECENTLY, the Vale Council raised the Armed Forces Day flag outside the Civic Offices on Holton Road, with the help of the Royal Air Force based at MoD St Athan.

As part of the ceremony, RAF servicemen marched through Barry.

Flanked by four mounted police officers, the parade set off from Central Park, followed by Service veterans and standard bearers from the Royal British Legion.

Children from Holton Road Primary School lined King's Square, proudly waved Welsh flags, before joining the rear of the parade on its journey to the Civic Offices.

The parade commander was Flight Lieutenant, Matt Popple, who recently returned from operations in Afghanistan.

He carried the Wilkinson 'Sword of Peace', which was gifted to the Vale by the station, and is only used for special ceremonial occasions, *a spokeswoman reported*.

On arrival at the Civic Offices, the salute was taken by Commander John Curtis, Deputy Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, to the music of the RAF March Past, by Dr Walford Davis, played by members of the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band.

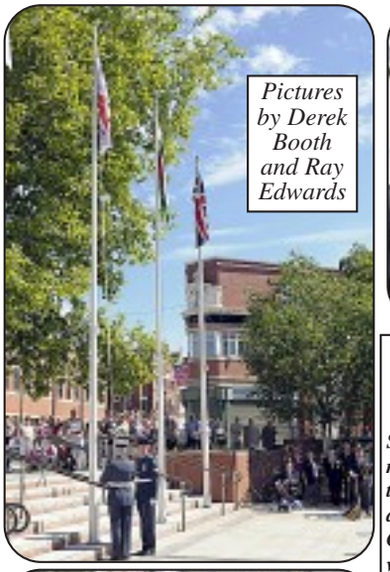
Children and teachers from Gladstone Primary School joined the crowds and gathered around as the servicemen continued the parade to take up their place in the memorial courtyard in the front of the building.

Coun John Clifford, the Vale Deputy Mayor, welcomed everyone with a short address which was replied to by Commanding Officer, No 4 School of Technical Training, Wing Commander Lyndon Jones.

He said: "The links that the RAF have with the local communities of the Vale are held dear to our hearts.

"It is a link that extends beyond that of just being a good neighbour; the communities have grown up together, with many Servicemen settling down with their families in the Vale.

"On National Armed Forces Day, it is appropriate that we are on parade in Barry wearing our uniforms with pride."



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On the march through Barry.

Sword of Peace

Patriotic children wave their Welsh flags.

Taking the Salute.

IN BRIEF

ARTIST'S EXHIBITION

STAN JONES, a retrospective, is the title of an exhibition at Washington Gallery, Penarth of work by the artist to coincide with his 80th birthday.

The Marina Ballroom Project: Work in Progress (incorporating mixed schools) involves 1940-inspired garments and art work brought together with local social history.

It was collected and produced by volunteers aged 13-25 from across south Wales.

Contributors include students from Stanwell School, St Cyres School and others.

Harrowing tale of a wartime Welsh soldier

THE Penarth Local History Society met on July 8 at the All Saints Church Lesser Hall, and welcomed the return of Dr Jonathan Hicks, who gave a moving account of the service of his great uncle, Ossie Fielding, during the First World War.

Dr Hicks enthralled the audience with his story of how his great uncle joined the Royal Marines Light Infantry in 1914, giving up his day job as a railway clerk to train alongside other men to be honed into an elite fighting force.

He was sent to Gallipoli where he engaged in hand to hand fighting and caught enteric fever, all around the date of his 19th birthday. After recovering, he was posted to Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands where he witnessed the sinking of Lord Kitchener's ship, HMS Hampshire.

He trained as an infantry officer and was sent to the Western Front. He was gassed, buried alive and caught influenza before being captured during a German night raid on the British trenches.

Breaking free in no man's land, he immediately began to suffer from shellshock and was hospitalised for several months.

After the war, he served with the 'Auxiliaries' in Ireland, fighting the IRA, before he settled down to life as a travelling salesman.

Dr Hicks related how the memories of the Great War never left his relation, and in an emotional ending to the talk he told how his great uncle took his own life on the anniversary of the trench raid.

On June 10, the society enjoyed an outing to the privately owned 52 roomed Victorian Mansion of Abbey-Cwm-Hir, 12 acres close to the ruins of the Abbey-Cum-Hir. It was built in 1834 by Thomas Wilson. In 1869 the then owners the Phillips family doubled its size and added a large billiard room in 1894.

A guided tour was given throughout all of the rooms by the owner Mr Paul Humpherston, who bought the hall in 1997 with his wife Victoria. They spent the following nine years restoring their home to its former Gothic Victorian beauty.

There is no meeting in August. The AGM is on September 9, followed by Mr Alan Thorne's lecture on Penarth's ship owning dynasty.

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Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council

THE council's learning and development directorate was recently inspected by Estyn, the education inspectorate for Wales.

The directorate works to raise the standard of education in the Vale; in particular, advising, guiding and supporting our schools. We were delighted with Estyn's inspection report, which found that the directorate provides a high quality service for its schools and pupils.

There was particular praise for the council's work to develop the 14-19 Learning Pathways which the report states have improved the choice and flexibility of provision at Key Stage 4 (years 10 -11 in secondary school).

The Vale's first class education service is particularly impressive when one takes into account the low level of funding the Vale receives from the Welsh Assembly Government, in comparison to other authorities.

The net education budget per pupil in the Vale is £4,212 – the lowest in Wales – and yet compared to other authorities we delegate the highest proportion of our budget to schools.

Information available on line

DOES the Vale of Glamorgan Council conduct its business in a transparent way? It's a question that some may ask.

We try to, is the honest answer. I believe local government is the most transparent public sector. For many years, we have published details of members' allowances and the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) requires us to release copious amounts of information.

However, while the FOI gives the public the right to most of the facts and figures they require, the Data Protection Act does require the council to protect personal information.

In an effort to further improve the transparency of our business, we have decided that all purchases worth more than £500 will be detailed on our website from September.

We now also accept questions from members of the public at council meetings. The council's website gives full details of how any resident can publicly question the council.

Fighting court closure

THE Ministry of Justice is reviewing its court services across the UK and it proposes to close Barry Magistrates' Court.

The council has set up a working group to examine how the court's closure would affect our services. I will be making robust representations against the closure and the proposed merger with the Cardiff Local Justice Area. If the court were to close, this would greatly inconvenience its users.

Members of the public would have to travel to Cardiff, either using public transport – not the easiest option in a rural area such as the Vale, or drive into Cardiff with its parking problems and high parking fees.

There is also the cost to the Vale's taxpayers, with the expense of our staff travelling to and from Cardiff for court cases.

Barry Magistrates' Court is a busy facility, which has been renovated in recent years; the council cannot see the sense in closing this court.

The proposals are open for consultation until September 15, and anyone with an interest or view on the matter should respond before that date.

The consultation can be found at ***www.justice.gov.uk***

Sheer Bliss in Dinas!

BLISS DANCERS, which was set up in November 2008, recently performed their second show at the Dinas Powys Parish Hall.

The two-evening show was voted a huge success, with some people attending on both nights as they enjoyed the performances so much!

Parents and friends commented on how professional the performance was, and wondered how the children remembered such difficult choreography.

The dance teacher of Bliss was elated: "I have never been so scared in my life, but everything went according to plan and the dancers looked fantastic. I am so proud of their hard work."

One audience member said: "I didn't think you would up your game after the first show, but you amazed me."

Mayor of the Vale and elected member for Llandough, Coun Colin Osborne, with his wife, Ruby, and Anysha Panesar.

Miss Teen meets the Mayor and Mayoress

THE Vale Mayor, Coun Colin Osborne, and the Mayoress, his wife Ruby, recently met 16-year-old Anysha Panesar, who was first crowned Miss Teen Vale of Glamorgan, then became Miss Teen Wales, holds the title Miss Teen Europe, and is currently in America competing at an international level.

She lives in Llangan and will be starting sixth form at Howells' College, Cardiff in September, having finished her GCSEs this year. The Mayor congratulated Anysha on her achievements and wished her well in the future.

'IT'S A KNOCKOUT!'

FRIENDS and work mates are being urged to pit skills and wits against others to be crowned Ty Hafan's first ever "It's a Knockout Champion' on August 21 at the Vale Hotel Resort.

Entry cost is £100 per team of 10 and each team must raise at least £1,000 in sponsorship for Ty Hafan.

For more information, contact the events teams on 029 2067 2060 or download the information and entry form at http://tyhafan.org/get-involved/our-events/august-2010/its-a-knockout

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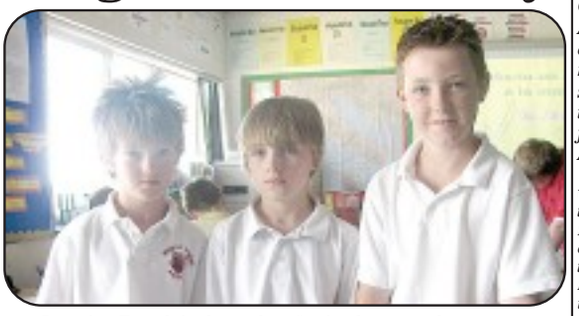
Getting prepared for 'big school' in Barry



Learning French in the modern foreign language deptartment.

Making some noise in the music department.

BARRY Comprehensive School's new year-7 pupils and their parents are already gearingv up for 'back to school' in September.

Last week, the parents of year-6 pupils were invited to an open evening for a presentation and a chance to look around the school and chat to teachers.

The boys, who are currently in year-6, spent a day at Barry Comprehensive, attending lessons, meeting teachers and finding their way around.

These final preparations are the culmination of the school's transition programme, which is designed to make the move to secondary education a little easier for pupils and their parents.

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Tory AM's art funding worries

Conservative AM Andrew Davies has expressed regret at news that the Vale is set to lose two significant streams of funding from the Arts Council.

It was revealed this week that funding for the Vale of Glamorgan Festival will come to an end in March 2011, and that Barry Memorial Hall and Theatre was unsuccessful in its bid for flexible funding.

Responding to the news, the regional AM said: "I am very disappointed to learn of the Art Council's decision to end funding for these two worthy causes.

"The Vale has a rich cultural heritage, but I fear that such decisions put this under threat.

"This is yet another example of the Vale missing out on much needed resources.

" I now look towards the Arts Council and Assembly Government to reassure Vale residents that other avenues of funding will be explored."

CCTV arrests

CCTV, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership assisted with four arrests and the location of one missing person in the week ending July 11.

CCTV contacted the police on 25 occasions, with two arrests made at Holton Road; one concerning assault (July 5) and the other for being wanted on warrant (July 8).

Two arrests were made on July 11 – the first at Broad Street, Barry, involving theft of a motor vehicle, and the other at Vere Street for alleged assault.

In addition, a missing person was located at Dunlin Court on July 5.

Chris and John raise money on BHF trek

LOCAL men, Chris Price and John Lewis from Rhoose and Antonio Tammaro from Barry, have trekked 65km across Iceland over six days – to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

Chris, a financial adviser and John, now retired, planned the trip after Chris's son Joe, a grandson of John, was diagnosed with a serious heart condition in May 2008.

Antonio also wanted to help and joined in the project to aid BHF's fight against heart and circulatory disease.

Barrivale Bridge Club news

LATEST results from Barrivale are as follows:

Tuesday, July 6: 1st, Betty Lewis and Mick Green 70.83 per cent. Second were Helen Jordan and Maureen Charlton (54.17), and joint third were Kay Dyer and Denis Mottram (51.39) and Jane Brook and Mike Close.

The handicap winners were Betty and Mick.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, ring 01446 733425.

£1,000 is raised for pro-life charity

AILSA LLOYD, who works at Barclays Bank in Penarth, recently took part in the annual Cardiff-sponsored walk to raise funds for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children pro-life charity. More than £1,000 was raised by Ailsa (pictured above with supporters) which was then matched by the bank under the employee £ for £ scheme.

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ASSEMBLY NOTES

by ***Jane Hutt AM*** **(Minister for Business and Budget)**

OVER the past week I have visited two important social housing developments in the Vale of Glamorgan to welcome the provision of sustainable homes with community and educational benefits, including the provision of apprenticeships and contracts with local SMEs, helping to support Vale businesses, meet skills needs and promote employment opportunities.

Starting in the Barry Waterfront, I was visiting the Newydd scheme at Jackson's Quay, which will provide 70 affordable new homes.

What was so impressive from our visit was the way the partnerships involved in this £9.7 million development have used our Welsh Assembly Government supported guidance for housing procurement, the – Can Do Toolkit – resulting in five apprentices being taken on by the contractors Mi-Space.

I was visiting the project with the Minister for Regeneration, Jocelyn Davies AM and we met the apprentices currently being taught bricklaying and carpentry skills on site and at Barry College.

All were from Barry and what's more, of the 200 strong workforce at the development, 60 per cent are from Barry or within five miles of the area. Construction Design Technology students from Barry College are also regularly visiting the site at all stages of construction.

We were treated to tea and cake by Rita and her team from the multicultural cafe who provide the catering on site for the workforce, as another community benefit, and successful partnership with local people.

We also heard that continual effort is made to source material and services from the immediate locality and Mi-Space has undertaken several charity fundraising events to support local charities.

In my role as Business and Budget Minister, I am developing procurement as a 'policy tool' to achieve wider economic benefits across the Assembly. My visit to the Barry scheme demonstrated how we can learn from the pioneering projects in the housing sector.

Moving on to the opening ceremony at Chapel Close, St Athan, I joined the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Jane Davidson AM, who was formally opening this inspiring new Wales and West Housing Association 'super green' housing development for local people.

This is such a wonderful legacy for the St Athan Methodist Church, who built and manage The Gathering Place in St Athan.

As a result of the partnerships developed and social housing grant of £1.88million, 16 new affordable homes have been built and residents moved in earlier this year.

This scheme has achieved Level 4 for the code for sustainable homes with a closed-panel timber frame system.

Key features include triple glazing, air source heat pumps, underfloor heating with a heat recovery system as a well as a Euro clad roofing system. The provision of top class disabled facilities have also brought new housing opportunities to be provided.

Once more we heard about the community benefits arising from this development, including links with the local St Athan Primary School – including new safety flooring for their playground and site safety talks for the pupils.

Links with Barry College students were developed to show them how the eco features work. Ninety per cent of the local workforce was drawn from a 15-mile radius of the site at St Athan.

Jane Davidson made a statement last week about the ways in which we can run cheaper and greener homes with fuel efficient technologies like those at Chapel Close.

She said that 'higher standards will support the Assembly Government's climate change, economic and social policies' when powers on building regulations are transferred in December 2011.

We have a duty to integrate these policies relating to procurement, community and employment benefits. I saw good examples of this last week in the Vale of Glamorgan with the development of sustainable homes, partnerships and communities.

ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM visited St Helens' breakfast club, which recently won the National Breakfast Club 2010 award.

School breakfast club's award wins praise from AM

ST HELEN'S RC Junior School, which won the National Breakfast Club Award 2010, was visited by Jane Hutt AM who congratulated the pupils, staff and organisers on their success.

"With more than 60 pupils enjoying the Welsh Assembly-funded free school breakfast, I want to congratulate Dawn Chandler and the catering staff and headteacher Mr Russ for their success and excellent award-winning breakfast club!" the Vale AM said.

All aboard... the Greenlinks mini bus!

MEMBERS of the Vale Older People's Strategy Forum were recently invited to the launch of Greenlinks Community Transport's minibus, set up to offer a local transport solution in isolated areas.

The Greenlinks community bus can carry wheel chairs, pushchairs and large amounts of luggage.

It was provided to serve the community and make a difference to the people who live in the rural Vale.

Many members of the strategy forum live in the rural Vale and have difficulty coming to our coffee mornings and information days.

This service will provide a great source of independence and an easy means of travel for the members.

The Vale Older People's Forum welcomes this service and wishes them every success.

HOSPICE FETE

ON August 7, the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, holds its annual garden party and fete.

There will be entertainment from the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band, as well as the usual face painting, glitter tattoos, raffle and bargain stalls.

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Tory AM's claim over NHS cutbacks...

'Coalition is protecting health spending, but the Assembly is NOT'

JANE HUTT AM's assertion that the Assembly Government is prioritising health spending (page 9, The GEM, July 1) was contradicted on the very next page by the article on the ordeal suffered by my constituent Mrs Swain, who has been waiting far too long for hospital treatment.

I fail to see how the Minister can claim to be investing in the Welsh NHS when its budget is actually being cut by eight per cent over the next five years.

Even during the years of plenty, waiting lists have soared and the Assembly Government is consistently failing to meet its own waiting time targets, which remain considerably lower than in England.

The scale of the increases is mind-blowing. For example, the number of patients waiting longer than 10 weeks for their first outpatient appointment rose by 24.75 per cent between March 2009 and January 2010.

The UK coalition government has protected health spending from budget reductions, but the Assembly Government has failed to follow suit, despite having the NHS proportion of its block grant safeguarded.

The NHS needs to start responding to the needs of patients like Mrs Swain, rather than the targets of politicians.

Unfortunately, the long waits she has suffered are becoming all too common. Instead of trumpeting the same old soundbites about investment, Jane Hutt and her fellow Ministers urgently need to take measures to protect frontline NHS services in the face of budget pressures.

Andrew RT Davies AM
(Shadow Minister for Health and Social Services)

Do hospitals treat the elderly with respect?

AS the Older People's Commissioner for Wales, I am undertaking a Review into whether older people (those aged 60 or over) are treated with dignity and respect whilst in hospital.

The Review will result in practical recommendations for change and highlight both good and poor practice across Wales.

The Review is now gathering evidence about older people's experiences when they are in hospital for stays of more than five days.

I hope that many older people will contact us with their experiences to inform the Review.

Evidence from older people's families and friends, advocates and organisations working with and for older people from all sectors, including statutory and voluntary organisations, trade unions and professional associations is also welcome.

We really want to hear from GEM readers. Tell us what you think by emailing *ask@olderpeoplewales.com,* or in writing to Delyth Lewis, Secretariat to the Inquiry Panel, Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Cambrian Buildings, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FL.

The closing date for evidence is Monday August 16.

More information about the Review can be found at *www.olderpeoplewales.com*

Ruth Marks
(Older People's Commissioner for Wales)

WRITE IN!
● WE welcome your views, news and other items. Please send them to the Editorial Department, The GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL, or email ggem@internet-today.co.uk

All that's good in youth of Barry!

WHAT a wonderful event at Romilly Park, Barry, on July 3 – the annual Scout and Guide fete.

There must have been several thousand people enjoying the sunshine and many activities.

As usual, several charities were able to present stalls and make a lot of money.

From my home, I have a wonderful view of the park and by 7pm, all litter had been cleared by the Scouts.

Although several littler bins were provided, it was inevitable that several people found it easier to drop cans and paper on the ground.

Teas were available at a good price and all safety aspects were observed. Where else could a family have so much entertainment at such a low cost?

Congratulations to all Scout and Guide groups. You represent all that is good in the youth of Barry and district. I look forward to next year's fete.

Nita Dally, Barry

What an attraction lost to Barry Island!

MY family have been regular visitors to Barry Island, with its good beaches at Whitmore Bay and Jackson's Bay, its very friendly people, plenty of places for food and the wonderful steam railway attraction.

I particularly enjoyed this on my last visit with my grand-daughter when we travelled on Thomas, enjoying its on-board entertainment, the memorabilia shop and the café at the station.

Imagine my disappointment when I returned this year to be told by the locals that the council had closed it down and given it to another company who do not seem to have opened any of the services, and apparently do not even have a steam engine and have not run steam engines on the line yet.

What an attraction lost to Barry Island holidaymakers. It seems that the council has square pegs in round holes – if that is how it looks after one of its main tourist attractions!

Mr Bernard Gilford
Birmingham

DOES RUBBISH GET RECYCLED?

I WOULD like to tell you how shocked I was on the last day of the recycling waste pick-up.

Every day I separate my waste, wash it, and put into separate containers; this is a tedious job, having to remind the children where to put their rubbish and making sure that nothing that can be recycled ends up into the land fill.

I don't mind doing this job for the environment and to save money, having only half of a black bag to go to normal rubbish pick-up each week in the Vale.

However, I was so shocked the last time it was picked up as it was thrown into a lorry and all crushed together!

I thought, why have I been separating it all this time? Can anyone explain this to me? Does my rubbish actually get recycled? Or are we all wasting our time?

(Name and address supplied)

GEM NOTE:

The Vale Council responded to this question with a statement from Clifford Parish, the operational manager for waste management and cleansing.

He said: *"In a small number of areas in the rural Vale, due to operational difficulties, smaller non-compartmentalised vehicles are used for collections.*

"These are only used in isolated incidents and I can assure residents that all materials collected are then sorted and sent for recycling as per usual."

Free concert was excellent

THROUGH your newspaper, I would like to personally thank Arts 4 U for putting on an excellent event called the 'The Friendship Tree' in Barry last week. It was a free concert with some great music from the singer-songwriter, Hank Hillman.

It was good to see so many friendly people get together for an extremely enjoyable and relaxing evening. I certainly hope that it will be repeated again next year.

Richard Bertin, Barry

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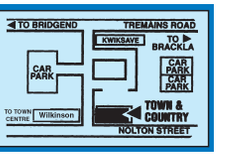

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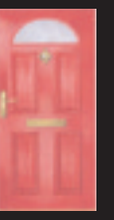

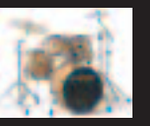

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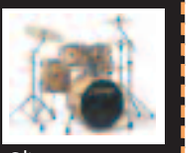

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NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Keeping pace with advances

ARTHUR C CLARKE, the late science fiction writer, once observed that "any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

He was far enough ahead of his time to describe the system of orbiting communication satellites, but was unable to patent the idea because the technology to build it didn't exist at the time – and anyway the patent would have expired by the time technology caught up.

Now we take the global reach of communications for granted. The telegraph was a great improvement over its earlier alternatives, but still required a physical wire for transmission.

Specialist operators could send streams of dots and dashes of Morse code at high speed. They would be astounded by the ease with which a child can now send emails, text and pictures in full colour, instantly, to anywhere with a pocket telephone that takes the picture in the first place.

The companies who make all this possible have enormous power and vast resources.

George Orwell warned about the possible effects of such a concentration of power in his novel *1984*.

Today people can download Apps (applications) to extend the scope of their mobile telephones. They can download a book for their portable electronic book-readers.

Recently, they have been amazed to discover that the big companies can remove them remotely. It was done without warning or consultation, but with a refund of any original payment.

Some people are screaming "Big Brother" at such high handedness. The firms argue that the facility is there to protect against harmful software from spreading uncontrollably. Indeed, that was the reason given for deleting one item that was constructed deliberately to sneak harmful software past the security checks (which it did) in order to show up a flaw in security.

The debate will continue. How much freedom can we afford to give up? What is the right balance? Total freedom is seemingly the demand, but that will never be possible and would be dangerous if it were.

For example, a judge has noted that the freedom of speech does not extend to shouting "Fire!" in a crowded theatre.

Technology in many spheres is changing faster than social behaviour can adjust to cope with it. The adjustments will take time and be heavily debated. Who will be the final arbiter; the people, the politicians or the commercial interests?

The club will be on a break until the second Tuesday in September, when we will reboot for the coming academic year.

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RNLI's speedy boat rescues

THE crew of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Barry Dock Lifeboat were called to two incidents in the Sully bay area on Sunday July 10.

In the first incident, a speedboat sank on the south east side of Sully Island, and in the second incident, another speedboat had engine trouble off Lavernock Point.

The cox'n of the Barry Dock Lifeboat, Hugh 'Spud' Davies, said that this has been another busy weekend for the mostly volunteer crew.

Gerry Adams, Barry RNLI press spokesman, said: "In the first incident, another boat was in attendance and the Barry Dock Lifeboat was able to give some assistance and advice.

"There were two persons on board. Despite attempts to salvage the speed boat, it eventually sank."

He continued: "In the mean time, another incident was taking place just off Lavernock Point. Another speed boat had engine trouble and there were three persons on this boat.

"The Barry Dock Lifeboat started to tow the speed boat towards Penarth marina.

"While towing the speed boat, the Cardiff Training School offered to take over the tow with their rigid inflatable 'Llanishen 1'.

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GLAMORGAN GEM WORLD CUP ROUND-UP

Dull and drab final fails to excite... but Paul got it 100 per cent right!

OVER the last month I have sat and watched all 64 World Cup matches; I know, I really must get a life, but I love football and over the years I've lost track of the amount of matches I've been to.

There have been highs such as the Olympic Stadium, Munich 2001 – *Germany 1 England 5,* and there have been lows - the Stade de France 2006, *Arsenal 1 Barcelona 2*.

But that's football, an emotional rollercoaster with ups and downs.

The trouble is, this World Cup just didn't do it for me. There were moments – England losing to Germany, and Capello's answer was to bring on Heskey:

I admit it, I stood in my lounge shouting at the telly like some sort of demented John McEnroe.

"You cannot be serious!", I cried – he was, and England lost.

There were far too few moments when I sat back and thought, that was brilliant, or how did he do that.

I think that Jabulani football should take a major portion of the blame, along with some pretty negative tactics employed by managers.

I got a bit tired of hearing about defensive holding midfield players.

After last week's semi finals, which saw Holland beat Uruguay 3-2 and Spain beat Germany 1-0, I honestly thought, that a final between the tournament's best two teams would produce a quality match full of flair and invention.

I got the beer in, her indoors rustled up some food, and some friends came round for the party.

Further spice was added because visits to the bookies meant there was money riding on the outcome in both directions.

From kick off, it became quite apparent that only one team wanted to play football.

The Dutch team, which up until this point had been so good, started what I can only describe as a brutal assault upon the opposition.

English referee Howard Webb found himself doling out yellow cards like confetti and he really should have sent De Jong off

by TONY BENNETT

when he kung fu kicked Alonso in the chest.

I actually felt sorry for the ref, not something I would easily admit to, but he tried hard to keep 22 players on the pitch, though in reality the Dutch could have been down to nine before half time.

The second half wasn't that much better, although both teams did have chances.

Twice Arjen Robben latched on to passes which split the Spanish defence apart, leaving only the keeper to beat.

He missed both, and my reaction was that of justice done, they didn't deserve to score.

By now the party had become somewhat dull, and we all sat there dreading extra time.

Someone suggested turning over, "Top Gear has gotta be better than this."

Goalless, and as extra time started, by now virtually all the Dutch outfield players had been booked. Eventually Mr Webb sent defender Heitinga off, and with four minutes left Spain finally unlocked the door, a good move ending with Fabregas slipping a lovely pass into an unmarked Andres Iniesta who shot home the goal which won Spain the World Cup – and meant I collected a few bob at the bookies!

The party is over now, and the Dutch players are blaming an Englishman for losing, but they ruined the party with their bully boy tactics.

Spain went home with the Cup, winning their last four games 1-0, and they played with two holding defensive midfield players.

The French are still arguing over whose fault it was, the Italians' defence of the World Cup was pitiful, and quite where England go from here will doubtless be debated long and hard.

Brazil and Argentina both fell apart when the going got a bit tough, which brings me onto Germany. They finished as the tournament's top goal scorers with 16, and it has to be said, they played most of the good football on display; did they really get six months practice with that ball before it all started?

In conclusion then, it was not the best World Cup I've ever seen. Hopefully four years from now the fashion for two defensive midfield players will have died a death and the Brazil-based tournament might inspire some beach-style attacking football.

That only leaves the octopus.

Paul is now the most famous octopus in the world, his predictions all came true; Holland to beat Uruguay, Spain to beat Germany in the semi finals, Germany to win the third place play-off and Spain to beat Holland in the final.

Following the German defeat to Spain he received death threats from angry fans, how sad is that!

Staff who look after him have decided that he is now to retire from international football predictions.

I think there will be some bookmakers who will be quite pleased to hear that.

Murch bowlers too strong for Cymmer

MURCH welcomed Cymmer Bowling Club for an ML Division Two game.

Cymmer arrived two men short and played two triple rinks, making good use of the extra woods.

Skip Gus Santavy, R Crouch, G Lane and C Salvidge were up against a strong Cymmer rink. Murch were leading by one shot at 9-8 but failed to score on the next four ends, allowing Cymmer back in the game.

On the 12th end, Murch took a five, putting the score at 14-all, but again failed on the next five ends. Cymmer edged in front and Murch responded with a five on the 20th end, but it was too little too late and Cymmer won by five shots, 25-20.

Skip Colin Garland, R Golding, D Davies and D Bateman were also up against a strong Cymmer rink and were leading 10 shots to Cymmer's seven on the 10th end, but only managed to score four shots on the next 11 ends. Cymmer went on to win 23-14.

Skip Bob Hill, R Pemberton, J Manfield and H Guppy were playing against a triples rink. The game was close from start to finish as Cymmer made good use of those extra woods. The score was all square on the 16th end, and Cymmer failed to score on the last three ends, giving Murch a win 21-18.

On the club captain's rink, skip Roger Mauchline, C Grant, I Williams and C Parsons also played a triples rink. They led from start to finish, proving too strong for Cymmer and went on to win 27-13.

Aggregate score: Cymmer 71 Murch 82 (+10 points).

THE A TEAM AT THE PARK

Murch A team captain Ian Robinson and his team travelled to Victoria Park for their ML 6 game and lost on all four rinks.

Skip Alan Savage, D Blainey, R Davidson and G Vincent led from the start up until the 10th end, but only managed to score three shots on the last 11 ends, giving the park side a win of 27-11.

Skip Ian Robinson, J Flye, R Hockley and P Willis struggled from start to finish and lost 27-13.

Skip Mervyn Williams, A Perry, R Fudge and R Huntley led from the start and were leading 10-9 on the 13th end, but only picked up one shot on the last 10 ends, giving Park a win of 28-11.

Skip Bernard Toozer, R Grant, G Russell and M Wheadon were the best losing side, with the score all square on the 11th end at 14-all.

However, they failed to score on the next six ends, allowing their opponents to edge in front. Murch responded by taking five shots on the last five ends but again, too little too late, and they lost by four shots.

Aggregate score: Murch 64 Victoria Park 105. **RP**

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In fact, young actors soon realise that it is a tough old world out there.

How tough is it? Well, in my time on The GEM, I've been lucky enough to see some terrific school shows.

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I saw a couple more last week – in Llantwit Major Comprehensive School's production of *Les Miserables*.

Of that two dozen, Aneurin Barnard of Ogmore Vale made his debut in the West End this year – and won an Olivier for best actor in a musical.

You didn't need to be a genius to spot Aneurin's talent, but he still needed the right role at the right time.

The others? Well, many have found roles in theatre companies or TV shows, but that special role has not arrived. I am keeping my fingers crossed for them.

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There are two summer school courses on offer with places for up to 30 on each course. The English-language course runs from August 8-13 and the Welsh-language course is from August 15-20.

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This year's **Bang!** is a collaboration between five of the resident companies based at Wales Millennium Centre. Academi, BBC National Orchestra Wales, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Welsh National Opera and the Centre itself will share their expertise with the young people.

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The third Twilight film Eclipses the rest ...

BUT IS STILL A POOR PIECE OF WORK!

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

GET the lynch mobs ready, sharpen the axes and prepare the stocks – it is that time of the year where I anger and annoy some of the most powerful people in the world; not the G8, however, no these people are far more powerful and scarier – the fans of Twilight.

The pop culture phenomenon makes its way onto part three, titled Eclipse, which sees Bella (Kirsten Stewart) again surrounded by danger as mysterious killings start to take place.

Not only that, but she is also forced to choose between her love for Edward (Robert Pattinson) and her friendship with Jacob (Tyler Lautner), aware her decision will have repercussions between the vampires and werewolves. Throw in a rather angry vampire from Bella's past (Bruce Dallas Howard) aiming to get even, and it is more than a girl can handle...

Now regular readers of my corner of The GEM will be more than aware that I'm no fan of the *Twilight* saga; in fact, I would go as far to say I would welcome being forcefed *Sex and The City 2* on loop rather than have to sit through the first two instalments in the *Twilight* franchise again.

So as I sat down to watch the third part, *Eclipse*, my expectations were firmly positioned in the low numbers.

And yet, the end product, while still full of the emotional dribble and overt melodrama that coloured the first two instalments, isn't as bad as either of them. It is easily the best of the saga so far, although it is fair to say (in my humble opinion) that phrase is by far the most backhanded compliment a film could be afforded.

Much of the credit for this should lie with director David Slade, who unlike his previous directorial chair incumbents has something of a previous with the dark world of vampires and evil, having helmed the dark and entertaining *30 Days of Night*, and Ellen Page-starring *Hard Candy*. Bringing Slade to the party was the best thing the producers of the series could have done (aside from just packing up and going home that is), as the director brings a far more chiselled and refined air to proceedings.

While Weitz and Hardwicke were handed the softer material and struggled to bring it to screen with any real verve, Slade brings a darker and more brooding film to screen, the addition of action sequences and moments of drama being well handled by the director.

The final werewolf/vampire smackdown, though bedevilled by the double problem of being watered down due to the film's certificate and cut short, is particularly impressive, Slade conjuring up perhaps the best moment of the series so far. He also has the luxury of being able to add backstory to a few of the peripheral characters and the situation between the wolves and vampires – touches that offer a bit more to the story as a whole and fill in some gaps.

What Slade doesn't handle so well is that old, familiar issue – that no matter what happens in the periphery the main story strand is Edward and Bella's romance and Jacob's love for Bella that may or may not be reciprocated; and, truth be told, three films in this story strand is getting older than some of the vampires that feature in the film.

Given a two hour running time, Slade does well, picking up the pace, but when he's lumbered with this part of the narrative there is very little he can do. Instead, his camera seems to doze off as the trio argue/profess their love/snarl at each other, saddled with dialogue that clunks and splutters.

There are several scenes that just seem to go on and on, as if when editing Slade just lost the will to live (a feeling I'm all too aware of with this particular franchise); the film doesn't feel too long, and moves at a nice pace. However, these scenes do slow the pace to a crawl and are, by and large, simply treading the same ground we've been over a thousand times.

The performances, too, are a notch above previous efforts, although not all come out smelling of roses. While Robert Pattinson may well be the flavour of many women's months, he is also a very capable actor and he at least gets to show some personality and acting ability here, rather than merely mope round and glitter every so often.

Kristen Stewart is a talented actress, but one who has spent the first two films being bland and dull as the object of affection. Like Pattinson, she does a bit more here, but with the character of Bella sketched so painfully as a damsel in distress, there is little she can do but work with the material afforded her – sadly, it isn't up to scratch.

In my review of the last Twilight film, I stated that 'Taylor Lautner... may have developed impressive muscles in the year since the last film but fails to have developed his acting ability', and this instalment certainly doesn't alter my opinion.

Wearing nothing but cut-off shorts and flashing his six-pack, Lautner is less actor more male model, and his performance merely involves him reeling lines off as if he were reading a book - albeit with a muscle mass that puts many a man to shame.

Meanwhile Bryce Dallas Howard's Victoria is given little screentime to do anything other than try to appear villainous – something that the paucity of screentime means she struggles to do anything with.

Had screenwriter Melissa Rosenberg been able to dilute Stephanie Meyer's over-emotional source material and tone down the overarching sense of mopey teenage love, then *Twilight: Eclipse* would have been a pretty decent film; however, David Slade's hard work is negated somewhat by the troubles that have afflicted the franchise from its roots. While its simpering tone may be manna for teenage girls, it's far too dull and monotonous for my tastes, though I feel that, this time, the *Twilight* franchise may have the last laugh!

VERDICT: A better experience than the first two films offered, *Twilight:Eclipse* is boosted by David Slade's more mature direction and better performances from a cast finding their feet. However, the series' major irritant, simpering characters and far too much time spent on a love triangle seemingly going nowhere, means that while *Eclipse* is easily the best *Twilight* film so far, it's still a fruitless exercise in filmmaking – unless you're a fan of the franchise. *Poor*.

Rotary Club support work of Trust Farm

DINAS POWYS Rotary Club recently held its meeting at the Huntsman Restaurant with an entertaining talk given by Lorraine Brown, director of the Amelia Trust Farm, created in 1991 through a generous donation by local benefactors Bob and Ethel Huggard.

It has a special interest in working with young people at risk from a life of crime, alcohol, drugs and solvent abuse and to rebuild what can be shattered lives by positive support through their time at the farm.

Lorraine explained that each young person has a range of opportunities. They include woodwork, pottery, conservation, music, cookery, animal care, farm work, outdoor activities, sports, work experience, personal tutoring and social issues.

The vote of thanks was given by rotarian Paul Williams and rotarians agreed that the work done by the Trust should be supported for many years to come.

Club quiz night

THE Penarth Computer Club end-of-term meeting is traditionally a social evening where chat does not necessarily include the mention of computers.

Mike J sets a musical quiz which is always won by Steve who seems to have a special aptitude for it.

This time, Mike devised an extra set of very hard questions for Steve alone, deducting a point for each wrong answer!

It must be pointed out that this grossly unfair practice was introduced for the sole purpose of ensuring that Steve didn't win. This was Mike's third attempt to derail Steve. It didn't work, Steve won anyway.

Mike J would have preferred a new winner, but the whole process is so cheerfully done that nobody worries about it.

At each club meeting, we have a small raffle and draw for the prize. The members' tickets are accumulated for this meeting when most of the raffle profits are used for high-value voucher prizes to be redeemed against the cost of computer-related purchases. First prize was won by Mike F.

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Out and About with The GEM

BAND PLAYS AT RUGBY CLUB'S FUNDRAISER

PARENTS of Llantwit Major under-11s and 12s rugby team are organising a fundraising event on Saturday, July 24 – a disco and live band night at Llantwit Major Rugby Club.

All proceeds raised from the evening will be split between Help for Heroes and the boys' rugby team.

South Wales rock band 'Voodoo Snake' have offered their services for free, so every penny raised on the night will go straight to charity.

Voodoo Snake's bass player Mal Preest of Llantwit Major, said: "We jumped at the chance to support Help for Heroes and the youngsters of the rugby club, so please join us for what we promise will be a rocking night."

Tickets are priced at £5 each and the evening will start at 8pm and go on until late. Local companies are being asked to help support efforts by donating a prize for the raffle to be held on the night.

For further information, call Lisa Morgan on 07866 732709 or email melinmw@btinternet.com. Tickets can also be purchased from the bar at Llantwit Major RFC. For more information on the band, please visit www.myspace.com/voodoosnake

Walk and Clear

THE Valeways charity is inviting volunteers to participate in a 'Walk and Clear' programme.

'Walk and Clear' involves volunteers going on a walk with a qualified walk leader in the Vale, clearing overgrowth on the footpaths and around the stiles using simple hand tools, such as shears and loppers.

For further information, contact Andrew or Gareth at Valeways on 01446 749000 or e-mail info@valeways.org.uk

PACT meetings

ILLTYD PACT, on July 20 at the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry, at 7pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, on July 21 at the Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, Barry, at 6pm.

CASTLELAND PACT, at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, on July 26 at 7pm.

COURT PACT, at Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, on July 27 at 7pm.

WENVOE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, at Wenvoe Community Hall on July 22 at 7.30pm.

TWYN-YR-ODYN Coffee & Chat, at The Horse & Jockey Public House on July 27 at 10.30am.

SULLY PACT, in the Jubilee Hall on July 15 at 8.15pm.

LLANDOUGH PACT, in Llandough Memorial Hall on July 26 at 7pm.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, in the Windsor Public House on July 27 at 7pm.

Singers sought out for the environment

THE Sustainable Wales charity's successful 'Commune' series for local musicians to add their voices to the threat from climate change is relaunched at the Seabank Hotel, seafront, Porthcawl, on Friday, July 16, from 7pm.

Director, Margaret Minhinnick said: "This is a timely community event, drawing attention to local artistic talent. But it's also taking place to highlight the continuing emergency of climate change.

Of the event, she added: "It's great that local artists are at the forefront of awareness-raising. We hope to create a mini-Glastonbury, with bands, performers and stalls."

Highlights will include a rendition of 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps' by the Porthcawl Ukulele Band, the Nick Ward Band, rockers dEkE, hip hop from Blud Konnektion, acoustic sets from Murphy and Raul Arrieta, and the Wizards of Mass Distraction. Artist Siobhan Grice from Freshstart will perform a dance ceremony celebrating the four elements and our connection with the earth.

Tickets for the Commune are £5 on the door, or £4 in advance from 'SUSSED' at 92 John Street, Porthcawl.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

WORKING WITH WOOD

THERE is a wood-turning show on July 17 in the Lesser Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth (10am-4pm).

All are welcome.

Ladies choir is back home after making Shrewsbury air ring!

CANTORION Pontyclun Ladies Choir made the air in Shrewsbury ring to the sound of Welsh voices, as guest choir at a charity concert.

They will bring their harmonious sound back to Wales on Saturday, July 17 at 7.30pm in Bethel Baptist Church, Miskin Road, Pontyclun, at their annual fundraising concert.

Led by new musical director, David Hutchings they will be performing a wide repertoire of songs, from much-loved traditional Welsh music to modern classics, wartime hits and songs from the musicals.

This year, the ladies of the choir will be joined by guests for solo pieces.

Tickets can be bought at the door, pre booked by contacting Julia Goodwin on 01443 449985, or email Sue Herbert on sueteaspoon@yahoo.co.uk

The concert will be supporting Headway, Cardiff, a charity helping people with 'Acquired Brain Injury'.

Every year, more than one million people attend hospital having suffered a head injury and of these, 3,000 join the growing number of people suffering from the long term effects of serious brain injury.

Headway supports these people and their families through their day centre based at Rookwood Hospital, Cardiff.

Annual lunch

FRIENDS and Neighbours recently held their annual lunch at The Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry.

The group has grown – its aim is to provide a way of introducing isolated over 50s to new friends.

The group has a varied programme of activities with talks of topical of interest, a summer trip, Christmas party and visit to a local Pantomine.

Next meeting will be held at the Senior Health Shop in Holton Road on Wednesday, July 21 at 2pm with a strawberry cream tea.

New members are welcome, call secretary G Fifield on 01446 400044 for further information.

Summer fair

THERE will be a summer fair in the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from 10.15am-12noon on Saturday, July 17, in aid of Cancer Research UK Cymru.

Admission is 50p, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. There will be stalls of produce, plants, cakes, cards and paper, savouries, preserves, tombola and white elephant.

Diabetes group meeting

DIABETES UK CYMRU (the Vale of Glamorgan voluntary group), is meeting on Tuesday, July 20 in the Board room at Llandough hospital at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Gaynor Harrison, a diabetes specialist nurse. New members are always welcome.

For enquiries, telephone 01446 746639.

Charity car wash

FIREFIGHTERS in Kenfig Hill are doing a charity car wash on Saturday, July 24, at the station to raise money for two charities, the Fire Service Benevolent Fund, and the Scouts Building in Kenfig Hill.

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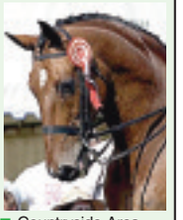

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EXCHANGE TRIP MAKES PUPILS GERMAN FANS!

Oh no! Someone has bought a vuvuzela!

YEAR-9 pupils went on the annual exchange to our partner school in Grünstadt in southern Germany.

It was a scorching week, extremely humid days and a few dramatic electric storms at night. Everyone had the usual Grünstadt warm welcome from their partners and their families, and had a great time exploring German culture and society and brushing up their language skills.

Among the highlights were the visit to a local vineyard, the centre of Mannheim, the Reptilium at Landau and the farewell buffet with the families.

During the week, Germany played their opening match of the World Cup, beating Australia 4-0 and many pupils returned with German shirts as presents, not forgetting their red, black and yellow vuvuzelas!

Pupils delighted to meet MP

YEAR-12 pupils were delighted that new Vale MP, Alun Cairns, was able to take time out from his hectic schedule to visit the school recently to discuss politics with them in a very special Bro Morgannwg version of Question Time.

He gave them a very personal insight into the work of an AM and MP and it was particularly interesting to note his views on his first month as an MP.

It was a very worthwhile session for the pupils, who study politics as part of the Welsh Bac and assisted them as they prepared their own manifestos for the school mock election.

Mr Cairns met the candidates for the school mock election, together with other pupils from year-12, who asked him questions on topics ranging from environmental issues and the economy, to the role of the media in the recent General Election.

Year-9 visit Glanllyn

PUPILS from year-9 headed once more in June to the Urdd camp at Glanllyn, Bala for a week of outdoor pursuits and team activities with their classmates.

This annual visit is one of the most popular on the school's packed extra curricular activities calendar and this year was again a resounding success.

Many thanks to heads of year Miss Catrin Thomas and Mr Meilir Roberts for organising such an excellent week. They even arranged scorching hot weather!

Graffiti Workshop

YEAR-9 pupils recently enjoyed a creative afternoon with Bryce Davies, a graffiti artist who works with young people.

Their mission was to create a graffiti-inspired board to be shown in the school canteen. The boys worked well as a team to create a very impressive and contemporary piece of graffiti work.

Bryce was very impressed by their efforts.

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LEFT: ***The graffiti-inspired display created by the school's pupils with Bryce Davies.***

ABOVE and BELOW: The pupils enjoyed the trip to Germany.

St David's Colwinston.

St David's, Colwinston, pupils say goodbye with Llandaff Cathedral visit

PUPILS from all over south Wales swapped their favourite memories of primary school at a special service for school leavers recently.

More than 400 year-6 pupils from across south Wales gathered at Llandaff Cathedral to celebrate the end of their time at primary school, and to prepare for their 'giant step' up to secondary school.

They were joined by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, who gave an address and presented each one with a bookmark.

The pupils come from 20 Church in Wales schools across the Diocese of Llandaff.

The Archbishop, Dr Barry Morgan said: "Leaving primary school is one of those major stepping stones in your life which children these days mark in all sorts of ways.

"This service was an opportunity for them to pause and reflect on their whole experience of primary school and their expectations for the future. It also reminded them that although they come from different schools, they all belong together – they are part of a large church family which will help and support them right through school, regardless of whether they are top or bottom of the class. Whatever difficulties they will face, they are not alone and that alongside them is God who loves us, cares for us and strengthens us."

Most of the children took with them personal mementos which they had chosen to remind them of key moments of their time in primary school. These were placed on a table at the front of the church and included an eye-catching poster with photographs of the pupils from Gwenfo Church in Wales School when they were in year-1.

During the service, several of the pupils spoke about their favourite memories. Cai Jones (11), from Peterston-Super-Ely, described his year-2 nativity play in which Mary had to be re-cast at the last moment due to sickness and he, as the narrator, was the only one not allowed to dress up.

It was the first School Leavers service to be held at Llandaff Cathedral. Local schools taking part were: Archdeacon John Lewis, Gwenfo, Pendoylan, Peterston, St Andrew's Major, St Brides Major, St David's , St Nicholas, and Wick.

Going through the ages on leisurely walk

Penarth and District Ramblers round-up

RECENTLY, four walkers joined Clive for a trip up to the top of Rhondda Fawr and the car park at Mynydd Hen Dre, which is just south east of the Llyn Fawr reservoir in the Cynon Valley.

When the reservoir was constructed in 1911, while digging out the existing lake many items thich confirmed that humans had lived there from Mesolithic through to the Iron Age were uncovered.

Bronze axes and sickles, a bronze horse harness, a triangular shaving razor and an iron sword with a bone handle, all of which are on show at the National Museum in Cardiff. The Celts regularly threw objects into water to appease the gods in Druid ceremonies and these items were probably such sacrifices.

There was a settlement at Hen Dre'r Mynydd – (meaning old town on the mountain) thought to date back to the Iron Age and stone circles are still in place that indicate the area was farmed and lived upon in circular stone huts roofed with turf and branches and strengthened inside by a central wooden pillar while more stone circles held cattle.

In lovely sunny weather, the group headed along a grassy track, once the main route between the parish of Ystradyfodwg and the Rhigos and passed the stone circles which are starting to be obscured by the bracken. By now they were able to see Blaenrhondda appearing at the bottom of the valley and translated it means head of the Rhondda.

The Rhondda Fawr stream, which they could see in the distance, starts around 1,800-feet first descending gently to 1,500-feet then plunging some 500-foot lower in a series of waterfalls. The valley was carved out by a glacier during the last Ice Age and massive rocks and boulders were lifted and scattered around.

The coal industry also played a big part in this area's history, The North Dunraven pit, also known as Blaenrhondda Colliery, opened in 1859 and closed in the 1920's and Fernhill Colliery was opened between 1869-71 and finally shut down in 1978. There are many interesting plants to be found in the area that include sheep's sorrel, heath violet, milkwort, bilberry and woolly hair moss.

From May 1944, 4,000 American troops were billeted in Rhondda Fawr in preparation for D-Day, and leaving Wales on June 1 1944, they landed on Omaha Beach as part of the Normandy invasion.

Reaching the valley bottom, the group saw the old burnt out school which has been replaced by a new one and stopped to view a flower memorial to a small boy who was killed close by after riding a skateboard into the path of a vehicle.

Crossing their first stile they joined the path through Penpych Woodland Park and headed uphill to Penpych, observing the waterfalls en route.

At the top is a Manchester United flag as a monument to the boy who died on his skateboard and a wonderful view of the Rhondda Valley.

The woodland below Craig Blaenrhondda led them to a bridge and a stream where they stopped for lunch and saw goats making their way uphill. Then moving on towards Garreg Lwyd to see the waterfall they followed the Nant Garreg Lwyd River, before their last climb back up to their start point.

JOY STRANGWARD.

Vale planning

Mr Adrian Gracia – **133 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – erection of a detached garage.

Mr Robert Priddle – **Rhos Geler, Corntown Road, Corntown** – provision of hardstanding and widening of access.

Mr and Mrs John Hopkins – **12 Village Farm, Bonvilston** – single storey conservatory extension and timer framed glazed canopy.

Mr Robert Mills **– 5 Hillside Close, Barry** – single storey extension at rear of property to provide bedroom with bathroom.

Mr Derek Dowdeswell – **Raisdale Cottage, Alberta Road, Penarth** – demolition of existing extensions and porch.

Mrs Dawn Alexis – **2 St Nicholas Close, Dinas Powys** – double storey extension to side and rear and single storey extension to side.

Mrs Lisa Bailey – **Gwynfa, Southerndown** – single storey extensions to front and side.

Mr Philip Freemantle – **Flat 3 to the rear ground floor of 15 Glebe Street, Penarth** – erection of first floor to existing single storey flat.

Mr Derek Dowdeswell – **Raisdale Cottage, Alberta Road, Penarth** – rebuilding of front porch. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation plus other alterations to house.

Mrs Claire Matthews – **11 The Verlands, Cowbridge** - single storey rear extension and first floor extension above existing ground floor extension.

Mr Callum Cooper – **40 Glebe Street, Penarth** – loft conversion incorporating flat dormer roof to rear.

Mr and Mrs S Johnson **– The Paddock, Stallcourt Close, Llanblethian** – remove a Eucalyptus.

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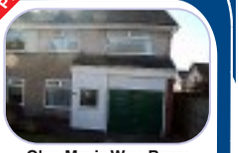
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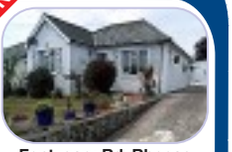
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Classic feature films to be screened locally

THE Barry Memorial Hall and Theatre Trust now has licences that will allow it to show top feature films – but insists it is not setting itself up in competition with the Save Our Cinema Association

The chairman of the trust, Steffan Wiliam, said: "The idea is to show seasons of films or classic films, and we are open to suggestions from the public.

"We may put on an Orson Welles or a David Lean season, or show *Gone with the Wind*. We might even put on *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* so that everyone can dress up!

"Our aim, in doing this, is to provide all aspects of entertainment for the people of the town."

Mr Wiliam emphasised it was not a case of trying to fill a vacuum left by the closure of the Theatre Royal.

"We are not planning to screen films that would impact on a commercial cinema, so it is not a case of presenting the latest cinema releases.

"I support the Save Our Cinema Association and hope the Theatre Royal reopens."

The Memorial Hall also plans to put on a Saturday morning show for young families, but Mr Wiliam pointed out "we won't be showing the latest Harry Potter".

He added: "We hope that the public will get in touch with us and let us know which classic films they would like to see."

Two films that will be off limits because of their prohibitive costs are *The Sound of Music* and the *Star Wars* trilogy.

If all goes according to plan, the big screen entertainment will begin late this year.

TIM CHAPMAN

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Rhif y cais: 2010/00618/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use of land adjacent and to the south of Bonvilston Reading Room into an open play area. Creation of secure storage on existing Reading Room site. Removal of grassed area to north of Reading Room to extend existing car park
Location:/Lleoliad: Bonvilston Reading Room, A48, Bonvilston
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Proposal:/Cynnig: Removal of existing stone wall and hedgerow. Construction of new stone wall 2.2 m high
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Proposal:/Cynnig: Amendment to 02/00749/FUL in order to move cow yard 6m in order to improve ventilation and cow welfare
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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00657/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Development of 17 affordable residential units with associated works
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Police hunt boat trailer thieves

The boat trailer

POLICE are investigating the theft of a boat trailer from Nash Point Lighthouse area at about 6am on Wednesday, June 30.

Investigating Officer, PC Jamie Williamson of Llantwit Major Police Station said;

"We're appealing to anyone who was in the Nash Point area at the time of this theft to come forward as you may hold vital information.

"We're also appealing to anyone who may have seen a vehicle towing a boat trailer in Nash Point, or the surrounding villages, around the time of the theft to contact us. The make and model of the trailer is a Snipe R18-100."

Contact PC Williamson on 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Barry Wanderers crumble in run chase

THE first of the really big games of what remains of the 2010 summer took place on Saturday with second in the table Barry Wanderers welcoming third place Crumlin to Hayes Point.

Jamie Keir's habit of welcoming visiting skippers by allowing them to win the toss continued and Crumlin elected to bat first on what looked a good batting track.

Crumlin got off to a flyer, thanks in part to opening bowler Neil Mantell injuring his knee after only one ball having been bowled in the match. He hobbled off and took no further part in the field.

Paterson and Hopkins proceeded put on 50 for the first wicket.

Aled Hughes ended their partnership when he had Paterson out LBW and Hopkins soon followed having scored 50, edging behind to Keir who caught well standing up to the stumps.

Crumlin scored quickly, with Hopkins the main aggressor particularly enjoying the bowling of Fenton who was unfortunately carted to all parts by the veteran batsman.

The Wanderers rallied well though and dragged the scoring back. Wickets also began to fall with Blundell claiming the wickets of the skipper Jollife, who was well caught by Aled Hughes for 22, and Davies for 16.

The score was 124-4 and the Wanderers felt they had regained some control.

However, the young pair of Green and Davies batted with some application, as well as some luck, and together put on 55 for the fifth wicket. It took the part-time medium pace of Ed Sherriff to break the partnership.

Sherriff, who was on to make up overs due to the injury to Mantell, bowled well and eventually ended up with figures of 3-25 off 6.1 overs.

Runs were coming, albeit at a slower rate, and once Jonny Hill had also picked up 2 for 38, and Hughes dismissed Green for 55 to claim his third scalp, Crumlin were all out in the 45th over for 244.

After previous weeks, the Wanderers were confident they could chase it down.

Unfortunately, their challenge ended before it really got going. The magnificently in-form Gareth Lanagan was out early for nine and he was soon followed by his opening partner Sherriff for four. Dean Thomas also went cheaply, scoring just two when given out LBW without playing a shot.

Hill then departed and the Wanderers were staring down the barrel on 40-4.

Blundell and Hughes rallied, and then looked to accelerate the scoring, with Hughes the main aggressor. Together they put on 76 until Hughes was out bowled for 54; a tremendous effort considering the 10 overs he bowled in stifling conditions.

That was where hopes ended for the home side , ending on 158 all out in the 36th over.

Crumlin had claimed a deserved victory by 86 runs and the Wanderers left the field incredibly disappointed by their batting effort.

The BWCC SofaSofa Man of the Match was Aled Hughes. The David Lush Butchers fumble was David Johnson. Special thanks go to Gerry Richards who umpired through all the overs. Gratitude in the form of lager will be coming your way, sir.

MIDWEEK XI

In dark conditions at Penarth Athletic Field, Penarth won the toss and decided to bat on a belting track. The Wanderers fielded and bowled well and were chasing 166.

As the evening wore on, the darkness loomed. Some fairly ordinary batting in general meant that the Wands were always against the rate.

Peter Coleman offered some good resistance until he was comically out for 29. On facing a quickish delivery, he attempted to put it into the next county, missed, was bowled with his off stump cartwheeling away.

What was funny was his letting go of the bat playing the shot – the bat finished 40 yards away in the opposite direction to the pavilion, thus he faced the ignominy of walking past virtually all the opposition players on his way back! Champagne moment of the season so far!

Back to the game, and Johnson smashed 33 off (probably) under 20 balls. It was left to skipper Fenton to have a go and his 46 not out off 28 balls was not quite enough as the Wands lost by just four runs! **AF**

Dinas progress in Carruthers

DINAS POWYS Bowling Club first team had an impressive win over the Presteigne Bowling Club in the Welsh Club Championship second knockout stage.

A 75 - 83 away win booked their place in the third round with home advantage against Troedyrhiw on July 24.

Dinas Powys rink scores: P Coles, M Woodcock, C Todd, A Meddins 28 - 15; G White, M Clarke, G Williams, N Leigh 17 - 16; A Harvey, A Wedlake, H Meddins, J Greenslade 15 - 24; D Parker, D Vowles, R Janes M Ackland 23 - 20. **AD**

Jenny Knott, Helen Evans, and Carol Bunyan receive their prize.

LIGHTER NIGHTS MEAN MIDWEEK GOLF FOR LADIES

RECENTLY, 40 ladies at Cottrell Park enjoyed a nine-hole evening golf competition divided between the Mackintosh and Button courses. This was followed by a very good barbeque.

The winners were Jenny Knott, Helen Evans, Carol Bunyan and Jo Pateman on the Mackintosh course; and Toots Plant, Marion Stephenson, Tina Morgan and Eluned Rees on the Button course.

Prizes were presented by the Ladies' captain, Lorraine Pointon-Bell, followed by a gift of potted plants as a thank you to Margaret Rees and Gaynor Smart for organising the evening so well. **CB**

Toots Plant, Marion Stephenson, Eluned Rees, and Tina Morgan.

Murch in very close game at Mountain Ash

MURCH bowlers travelled to Mountain Ash looking for their first win since being promoted to division three in the Cardiff District Municipal League.

With the absence of club captain Roger Mauchline and several other key first team players, they were expecting a tough game . Skip Ivor Williams, C Parsons, D Poole and D Blainey were up against a strong rink and were always playing catch up.

They fought back well in the second half and produced a strong finish but lost by three shots.

Skip Bob Hill, with B Pemberton, M Hughes and H Guppy, started well, scoring seven shots on the first four ends.

However, they only managed to score four more on the next 11 ends, allowing their opponents back in the game. Then, Mountain Ash failed to score on the next five ends.

Going into the last end, Murch were two shots down and their opponents were holding four shots. With some brilliant bowling from skip Bob Hill, he fired the head and dropped in for shot.

With the overall score being so close, skip Bob Hill and the vice captain decided, for tactical reasons, to burn the last wood and lose the game by one shot..

Skip Gus Santavy, R Crouch, G Lane, and C Salvidge led from the start and never looked in trouble with some excellent bowling from the new front men Clive Salvidge and Geoff Lane.

By the 16th end, their opponents changed tactics and decided to give the jack away, which unsettled the new front men for a while, but they went on to win by seven shots.

Skip Colin Garland, R Golding, D Poole and D Blainey were again against a strong Mountain Ash rink and the game was very close up until the 12th end, with the score at 13–all.

Mountain Ash surged ahead, taking eight shots on the next two ends. Murch responded with a five and a three but only managed to score one shot on the last six ends. Nevertheless, they held on to win the game by one shot.

Aggregate score: Mountain Ash 78 Murch 81.

A TEAM HOST LLANTWIT.

Murch A Team welcomed Llantwit Major at home and the visitors proved too strong, winning on four rinks.

Skip T Mayor, W Broomfield, L Norto and. M Wheadon struggled from start to finish and lost 27–12.

Skip Bernard Toozer, R Grant, G Jenkins and G Vincent also struggled from start to finish and lost 32–14.

Skip and captain Ian Robinson, F Maunder, R Davidson and P Willis had a close game and were three shots ahead on the 15th end. However, they only managed to score four shots on the last six ends and lost by three, 22–19.

Skip Mervyn Williams, A Perry, R Fudge and R Huntley also had a close game, leading from the start up until the ninth end. They failed to score over the next four ends allowing Llantwit back in the game.

Murch responded with a super six, putting them back in front but only managed to score two shots on last eight ends and lost the game by three shots.

Aggregate: Llantwit Major 103, Murch 64.

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Record total for Wanderers' Second Team

THE Wanderers Seconds gained revenge over rivals Bridgend Fourths at Hayes Point with a big win.

Skipper Barnes won the toss and elected to bat. The omens were good from the start, with Luke Denning hitting a six in the first over.

Unfortunately, he soon departed caught and bowled by Marvell and, when the returning Tom Ridgwell was involved in a mix up with Barnes and run out for 4, the Wanderers were precariously situated at 15 for 2.

However, the next 30 overs saw Denning and Barnes play some imperious shots and they never looked in any danger.

Denning was eventually out for 66 in an outstanding 171-run partnership. Barnes, although losing his voice, had not lost his ability to score runs – yet again passing 50 and eventually scoring 75.

The Wanderers were now on top and this allowed Dave Johnson to go up the order and cause carnage with his big hitting.

Johnson's 70 runs came off only 35 balls, with his inning consisting of seven fours and five sixes, including two on the beach.

Phil John continued with the entertainment at the end, allowing the Wanderers seconds to rack up their biggest league total of 308 for 7 off 45 overs.

The challenge was too big for Bridgend and right from the start, Preesanth Nekkanti applied the pressure and was rewarded with a caught behind, getting rid of Bridgend's dangerous skipper, Thalyasinga for 10.

Tom Ridgwell bowled a beauty to bowl Andy Marvel and Bridgend were also 15 for 2.

Preesanth continued to bowl intelligently and this led to more wickets falling and deservedly, he got his 'five for' and put the Wanderers into a winning position.

Alun Wade bowled a tidy spell but with no success, and with the seventh wicket partnership of Davies and Marvel frustrating the Wanderers, it was left to Ellis to join the party making up for his comical dismissal.

Marvel was bowled and soon after Kalinka was caught by Denning at point. Owen Davies was then caught by Ridgwell for an impressive 47 off Phil John's bowling before Luke Denning wrapped up the win with a straight delivery.

This earned the Wanderers a 170-run win and maximum points to keep them at the top of the table.

Barry Wanderers Sofa Sofa man of the match was Preesanth Nekkanti.

In the reverse fixture at Bridgend, the firsts were also successful, with Gareth Lanagan scoring his third league ton of the season. **AF**

Barry pipped in national tennis semis

BARRY Tennis Club was denied a place in the UK National Club League Final after a four matches to two defeat to Manchester in a final play-off encounter at Barry Island on Saturday, July 3.

The Barry team was Farris Gosea, Jordan Helyer, James Hignett, Mark Lunn, and Dan Sidaway.

Roy Gibson at Barry Tennis Club said: "It is a bit like comparing Barry Town FC with Manchester United.

"We have done incredibly well to pitch up against clubs many times bigger than ours. The players did the club, the town, and Wales proud."

Last year, Barry Tennis Club enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever, with some of its young talent being rated among the best in Wales, and the club's teams enjoying league success.

For further details about Barry Tennis Club, call 01446 412352 or visit www.barrytennis.co.uk

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BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB NEWS

Lady captain's prize day brings out the very best in players

ONE of the most popular competitions in the calendar is the lady captain's prize and this year was no exception.

Linda Hewlett had brought her prizes back from a recent trip to Thailand. Tastefully displayed for the ladies to admire before they went out to play were silk pashminas and matching beaded and embroidered silk bags.

Weather conditions were perfect and consequently, there were a number of good scores posted.

In the silver division, the winner for the second consecutive year was Rose Pitman, with a very creditable 40 points.

In the bronze division, the cards were rechecked before the winner was announced, as four ladies had tied with 37 points. Margaret Codd was the winner over the last six holes.

Lady captain with Margaret Codd, bronze winner.

Lady captain Linda Hewlett with seniors captain, Glyn Sheppard.

Club results

Winifred Clode Cup (May 4) – winner, Jo Hopkins, 40 points; runner-up, Norma Phillips, 39 points. Jo Hopkins also took the Cancer Relief Trophy.

Parkstone qualifier winner (May 11) – Linda Hewlett, 68 nett; runner-up, Liz Brown, 71 nett.

GUW Medal – winner, Linda Hewlett.

Australian Spoons (May 18) – winners, Di Bryant and Glynis Gould, 34 points; runners-up, Carole Bumford and Alma Sheppard, 32.

Jo Whitehouse Cup (May 28) – winner Ann Phillips, 39 points (over back nine); runner-up, Lynda Lloyd, 39.

Holland and Tattersall Cup – winners, Glynis Gould and Margaret Codd, 42 points; runners-up, Chris Hopkins and Helena Coombes, 39.

GUW Centenary competition – winners, Carole Bumford and Judy Davies, 37 points (over back three); runners-up, Claire Herbert and Linda Hewlett, 37.

June 8 – winner, Gemma Evans, 71 points (over back nine); runner-up, Carole Bumford, 71.

GUW medal – winner, Gemma Evans, 71.

Millennium Plate (June 15) – winner, Jenny Pateman, 44 points; runner-up, Gemma Evans, 38.

Grans' Trophy (June 15) – winner, Jenny Pateman, 44 points; runner-up, Mo Merrett, 37.

Silver division winner Rose Pitman.

On June 28, the annual match between the men's seniors team and a team from the ladies section was played.

The event was enjoyed by everyone and after drinks on the patio, both teams enjoyed a two-course lunch.

Dinas Wolves show off their skills at festival

Dinas Wolves under-8s.

DINAS WOLVES under-8s recently took part in the Whitchurch AFC football festival.

The lads were up against boys a year older, but really gave a good account of themselves, winning one match, drawing two and losing their last game.

The football they played showed great awareness of team mates, and they held their positions on the big pitches.

Thanks to parents for their great support, and the lads who gave 100 per cent in every game.

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Rhoose nippers triumph at the Island Carnival

RHOOSE Lifeguard Nipper Section, managed by Alan Wadey, won the Llantwit Major Nipper Carnival held at Barry Island on June 27.

The team, consisting of children aged between eight and 13, worked really hard and pulled together to beat the second placed team by more than 100 points.

The enthusiasm of the whole team, showed over the entire competition.

Even the new members to the club showed a tremendous amount of determination and gained valuable points for the team.

Rhoose medal winners were:

Morgan Strinati - Gold in Board.

Sam Griffin - Gold in Wade, Beach Sprint; Silver in Long Run; Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay, Beach Flags.

Alice Kember - Bronze in Wade.

Becky Thomas - Silver in Long Run.

Brooke Peterson - Gold in Beach Flags.

Emily Parker - Gold in Wade, Taplin Relay.

Evie Wong - Gold in Beach Sprint, Beach Sprint Relay; Bronze in Long Run, Beach Flags.

Oliver Wong - Gold in Board; Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay.

Alisha Hayes - Gold in Taplin Relay, Beach Sprint Relay; Silver in Long Run, Beach Flags.

Alfie Davies – Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay.

Jessica Wadey – Gold in Wade, Board, Taplin Relay, Beach Sprint, Beach Sprint Relay, Long Run, Beach Flags.

Samantha Thomas - Silver in Long Run.

Rhys Garner - Gold in Taplin Relay.

Saul Connelly - Bronze in Beach Sprint, Beach Sprint Relay, Long Run.

Cara Addison-Smyth - Gold in Swim, Taplin Relay; Silver in Long Run; Bronze in Board.

Sophia Strinati - Bronze in Swim.

Ysobelle Williams - Gold in Beach Sprint Relay.

Dyllon Connelly - Gold in Taplin Relay; Bronze in Board, Beach Sprint Relay.

Emma Young - Bronze in Board.

Kate Griffin - Gold in Taplin Relay, Beach Sprint Relay; Silver in Swim, Beach Sprint.

Kelsea Peterson - Gold in Long Run, Beach Flags.

Ben Owen - Gold in Swim, Board, Taplin Relay, Long Run; Silver in Beach Sprint, Beach Flags; Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay.

Erin Hayes - Gold in Long Run.

Laura Braggins - Gold in Board (joint), Taplin Relay, Beach Flags; Silver in Swim.

Rachel Richards - Gold in Board (joint).

Tayla Edgerton - Gold in Beach Sprint Relay.

The overall results for clubs were:

1st Rhoose - 330pts;
2nd Mumbles - 228pts;
3rd Penybont - 190pts;
4th Llantwit Major - 184pts;
5th Rest Bay - 175pts;
6th Aberavon - 98pts;
7th Southerndown - 92pts;
8th Whitmore Bay - 60pts;
9th Porthcawl - 21pts;
10th Cold Knap - 14pts.

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Opening up the Cadoxton Ponds to disabled anglers

MORE than £28,000 has been invested into improving the facilities at Cadoxton Ponds to give anglers with disabilities greater access.

Terry Mosely, chairman of the British Disabled Angling Association (BDAA), and Mike Bishop from Glamorgan Anglers Club, officially opened the new facilities, which means ponds are now more accessible for those anglers in wheelchairs or with mobility problems.

Disabled-friendly ramps have been put in and the existing paths have been upgraded, while the fishing platforms have been remodeled to allow disabled access to the water's edge a spokesman reports.

Glamorgan Anglers Club received a £14,000 sustainable fisheries grant from Environment Agency Wales for the work, matching this with funds from the club.

They also had a £1,000 donation from the Vale Council for fishing equipment to allow more local people to benefit from coaching from the Welsh Federation of Anglers.

In a separate project, Dow Corning has installed dipping platforms around a small pond that is used for educational wildlife studies.

The company has also part-funded additional pathways from its education centre to join up with the Glamorgan Anglers' paths. Other funding for the ponds, which lie adjacent to Dow Corning's Barry plant, has been secured from Environment Agency's Splash Fund, which has been used by the Glamorgan Anglers to purchase angling sets, buoyancy aids for use by juniors around the ponds and first aid courses.

Fifteen pupils with varying disabilities from nearby Palmerston Primary School were the first to put the new equipment through its paces at the official opening of the Cadoxton Ponds' upgraded facilities in the confines of Dow Corning land. New wheelchair-friendly access routes and fishing platforms have been installed after a collaboration project between Dow Corning, the Environment Agency and the Glamorgan Anglers Club.

A season's best total for the Barry Internationals

BARRY INTERNATIONALS warmed up for their table topping clash with Llantwit Cavaliers with a crushing 170 run win over Creigiau.

Janveer with 90 and Saleh with an unbeaten 100 did the damage with the bat as Internationals piled up a season's best of 244 for 2.

Masqood took 4 for 4 as Creigiau slipped to 74 all out in reply.

Saleh's ton set a new league record for the amount of centuries scored in a season, this being the fifth to date.

Creigiau also had the misfortune to play league leaders the Cavaliers the previous evening. But with a damp and lively track helping the bowlers, Creigiau will feel a little disappointed not to have won the game.

After restricting Cavaliers to 105 all out, Julian Griffiths top scoring with 37, and Glyn Thomas taking 3 for 7, Creigiau must have fancied their chances of a fine win.

The Cavaliers attack is not only the most potent but also one of the meanest in the league and they performed heroics to keep the home team to 98 for 7. Andy Morgan top-scored with 23, Jon Cheal returned 3 for 9 to maintain the Cavaliers 2 point lead.

Elsewhere, West End recorded an 86 run win over Cavaliers Colts. Kit Wilson with 55 and Nathan Vann 30, helped West End to a good score of 145/6.

The Colts could not cope with Tommy Miller's bowling and in a rare appearance the West End stalwart took 5 for 5 as the Colts slipped to 59 all out.

At Cardiff, Tynewydd slipped from a highly promising 74 for 1 to 86 all out.

Scott Malpas top-scored with 47 and Roy Rogers helped with 25, but two avoidable run outs and a choice of poor shots doomed the Inn's cause. Ieuan Harry returned 3 for 4 and Gareth Watts 3 for 6 for Cardiff.

Elian Jones (40) led Cardiff to a 7 wicket win, but the Inn were unlucky not to have reduced the winning margin by more as several of the batsmen profited from some lucky escapes.

Penarth beat Barry Wanderers by 4 runs. Batting first they could thank G Davies with 56 and Rob Morgan with 51 for their score of 166 for 3.

Wanderers chased hard but were denied at the death. Andy Fenton knocked a useful 46 not out to keep the visitors in contention while M Anwar took a season's best of 4 for 27.

Barry Athletic ended a run of four defeats with a four run win over Lisvane in an enthralling match at the Island.

That defeat could prove costly for the former champions who now have much ground to make up if they are to retain their title. Significantly, they still have to face Cavaliers and the Internationals in the run-in.

On a good track the bowlers did exceptionally well. Barry were restricted to 117 for 8, Andy Buckland scoring 32 and Alex Curry taking 3 for 24.

In reply, Lisvane lost wickets regularly and eventually fell short by 4 runs in a really good match in which the fairness of the umpires from both teams should be noted.

Faraz top-scored with 25 and there were a brace of wickets apiece for Thomas, Twomey and White.

No results were reported between Pencoed and Cogan and Fontygary versus Dinas Powys.

Llantwit Cavaliers (20) lead Barry Internationals (18) by two points in current league standings.

Tables turned on GEM writer!

GEM columnist Brian Lee has interviewed hundreds of people over the years but he was on the other end of the stick, so to speak, when he was interviewed by writer Roy Jones for a full page feature in *The Countryman's Weekly* recently.

ABOVE: Brian Lee (left) with John Buckingham, rider of the 1967 Grand National winner, Foinavon.

Under the heading, 'Profile of a Point-To-Point Correspondent', and a picture which shows Brian sharing a joke with Princess Anne, Jones writes: "He commenced reporting in 1967, and although now in his early 70s, he is still going strong and has no intention of retiring. He has also written articles for *The Sporting Life* and *Horse and Hound*."

Former champion jump-jockey Peter Scudamore said of his book, *History of the Welsh Grand National-from Deerstalker to Supreme Glory*: "An engrossing study that not only documents the history of the great race but also charts the development of National Hunt racing."

Mr Jones goes on to say: "Brian was the first reporter to write articles on Jenny Pitman before she became famous, and likewise on Welsh point-to-point jockeys who made the grade under Rules, such as Carl Llewellyn who won the Grand National on *Party Politics* (1992) and *Earth Summit* (1998), and Hywel Davies who won it on *Last Suspect* in 1985.

"He was also the first writer to recognise the talents of two successful jockeys riding today, Christian Williams and the new wonder-kid Rhys Flint."

Mr Jones goes on to say:

"During his career, he has been warned off two point-to-point courses: firstly, for complaining that there were not enough ladies' toilets, and that the meeting had been taken over by beer swilling idiots.

"Secondly, for being blamed for something he hadn't actually written, which appeared in the *Horse and Hound*."

Mr Jones ends his article with the words: "Speaking personally, I look forward to seeing Brian during the Welsh Point-To-Point season as he is always upfront with the latest news. It's also pleasing to know, and to rub shoulders with, as it were, one of the 'greats' of Welsh Point-To-Pointing! Tally Ho!"

Brian said last week: "I am flattered and, for the record, I started reporting on point-to-points in 1966 not 1967 and I will be 74, God willing, on July 13."

Local trainer's English double

Llancarvan's Evan Williams had an across the card double on Sunday.

Mutual Respect, ridden by Adam Wedge, took the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase at Southwell and *Beyond*, partnered by champion jockey AP McCoy, the Juvenile Hurdle at Stratford.

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan also had a winner at Southwell. His six-year-old *The Ferbane Man*, who was winning for the third time this season, landed the novice chase under Tom Scudamore.

BRIAN LEE

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Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do compete at Welshpool

Back row: Jamie Halford, Jon Hawkins, Morganne Gomez Jones. Middle row: Matthew Bennett, Thomas Haysham, Charlotte Sullivan, Bradley Halford. Front row: Ollie Tipples, Morgan Stavert Hawkins, Hayley Mattey and Lucy Newman.

THE Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do attended the third of a series of six Welsh masters' tournaments, this time in Welshpool.

The students representing Cadoxton once again did their instructors and parents proud, bringing home a collection of 23 trophies.

As usual, young Lucy Newman got the club off to a good start, taking third in the junior pattern section. She continued her success by taking second in the continuous and in the point sparring categories.

Jamie Halford came away with first in continuous and first in point sparring. Not to be outdone by his older brother, Bradley Halford also took first place in both the point and continuous sparring categories.

Thomas Haysham was first in continuous and second in point sparring. Liam Rees was first in continuous and third in point sparring. Matthew Bennett was first in point and second in continuous sparring. Ollie Tipples was first in point and third in continuous sparring. Morgan Stavert Hawkins was second in both the continuous and point sparring.

Charlotte Sullivan was first in point sparring. Hayley Mattey took first in point and second in continuous sparring. Hayley also fought up a category and came away with a credible third in the points.

Having some hard fights, Jonathan Hawkins came away with second in continuous sparring, having just lost out on a place in the point sparring. Morganne Gomez Jones also came away with third place in the continuous sparring category.

The school trains at Victoria Park Community Centre. For further information, telephone Ron Thomas on 01446 406372.

MASTER RON THOMAS

Centre starts to bear fruit

THERE are high hopes for the future of basketball in the Vale after a promising start for the county's new basketball development centre.

Set up during the winter, the development centre brings together the most talented local teenage boys to develop their potential with professional coaching in an organised set-up.

The centre was created by Andrew Leftey, the head of boys PE at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, and Ben Williams, the Vale Council's 5x60 manager.

Ben commented: "The centre currently caters for boys at under 14 and 15 level but will be extended next season so that anyone aged from year-8 up to year -11 will be able to try out for the squads at trials in the autumn."

You can find out more about the Vale basketball development centre and the 5x60 scheme by calling Ben Williams on 07725 829801.

Vale karate youngsters continue to develop

DEVELOPMENT was the goal as almost 150 young Vale Karate students between the ages of four and 11 took part in the latest competition at the YMCA Hub in Barry.

None of Vale Karate's squad members competed, giving all competitors a chance, and with twenty categories contested, many also had their first taste of success.

Chief instructor Rob Copeland was thrilled with the entry and the potential shown by many children.

"The aim of this event was to broaden the horizon for the youngsters, showing them what the competitive aspect of Karate entails, with the vast majority reporting that they thoroughly enjoyed the occasion."

A trio of Vale Karate's most successful young champions' Ewan Albright, Nick Sherrin and Chloe Fry also travelled to Wolverhampton to compete at the Central England Open.

At only eight, Ewan is Vale Karate's newest and youngest squad member but showed his potential in April, winning two gold medals at this year's Welsh 'Closed' Championships.

Under-8 Kata medallists, Chris Slack, Ben Harris and Jack George.

In Wolverhampton he was a little too inexperienced to reach the medals, losing to a strong French competitor in Kata and to one of England's top youngsters in the Kumite.

Nick and Chloe had also entered both Kata and Kumite events, and underlining Vale Karate's all-round ethos; both found the podium in each.

The pair met in the semi-final of the 10-12 Mixed Kata event where Nick earned a narrow 2-1 win to reach a place in the final. However he was beaten there, like Ewan, losing to a French youngster, to take the silver medal.

It was the Kumite events however, that both youngsters truly shone.

Champions at the Central England Open, Chloe Fry and Nick Sherrin.

Chloe at just 11, a former Commonwealth Karate champion, won the Under 12 Girls category, with Nick, a double Welsh Champion last year, taking gold in the Boys U-14 event.

Both are now in final preparations as part of Vale Karate's squad who will be travelling to Glasgow's Kelvin Hall next week for the British International Open Championships.

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STAG FIRSTS ARE HEADING FOR PROMOTION TO THE BIG TIME!

NATHAN BAKER'S Barry Athletic 1st XI faced a top of the table clash with Vale CC, at Barry Oval.

The Stags were put through their paces in the opening stages of the match, fending off the pace of the Vale bowling attack, but openers, Lee Morgan and Nathan Baker, showed their class by seeing off the new ball and getting the Stags off to a good start.

Runs were being consistently scored, and the Stags were looking good for a good score. However, both Baker (31) and Morgan (12) departed in the first 15 overs as Vale looked to slow the Stags down.

The match was in the balance for the majority of the innings, with the Stags scoring at a good rate, but with the Vale bowling taking wickets at regular intervals and keeping the crowd interested.

The visitors were looking to take control, with the Stags collapsing from 150-4 to 150-6, but the partnership (71) between Andrew Buckland (44) and Scott Hopkins put the Stags in control.

With this, the Stags were able to claim all batting points and put a defendable total of 243-9 on the board – Scott Hopkins finished on 52 not out, as he walked off the field to a standing ovation from the crowd.

After the interval, Vale began chasing down 244 in the worst possible fashion – losing two wickets inside the first 10 overs – with Peter Hellyar and Jake Griffett showing an excellent display of swing bowling.

The top class display was matched by all Stags, with the pressure firmly on the Vale batsmen throughout the innings, and that pressure was soon evident as they were soon at 147-5 from 38 overs and soon after, Vale were bowled out for 200 after some quick thinking from Ian Gadd, running out Gareth Parry for a duck.

The Stags will have Billy Usswald to thank, after he made his second five-wicket haul of the season, finishing on 5-51.

The Stags scored another 20 points and return to the top of Division Three and are only in need of four wins out of six matches to secure promotion to Division Two.

SECONDS AT RADYR

With the absence of key players, Barry Athletic Seconds were in for a tough ride at Radyr CC.

Under the captaincy of Peter Davies, the Stags were boosted by the last-minute returns of crowd favourite Evans, and club legend, Jones, as they hoped to cause an upset against the title chasers.

Davies continued his run of lost tosses, as Radyr won the toss and chose to bat first.

The hosts began brightly, picking on the bad balls and dispatching them for boundaries as they looked to pile the early pressure on the Stags.

However, the Stags didn't throw in the towel and they were rewarded with wickets for Andy Ellis and Jones, as the Stags came back into the match.

However, the efforts of John Gee, Dafydd Frost and Kelvin Williams weren't given justice after some average fielding from Ashley Baker and a few others gave the home side valuable runs and helped them cruise to 279-6 from their 50 overs.

After the interval, the Stags had a mammoth task ahead of them as they aimed to chase down 280 for victory.

However, this went completely wrong as the Stags were left at 31-3, after Jones (12), Tom Ellis (0) and Andy Ellis (0) were all back in the shed. Only Ashley Baker showed intent to keep the Stags going after hitting some fine shots and showing the Radyr bowlers that he wasn't going to roll over as easily as the others.

However, no-one wanted to stick around with Baker as batsmen came in and went back for disappointing totals.

No long-lasting partnerships were made and Radyr showed why they were top of the table, by bowling Barry out for a miserable 128 – Baker fell at the end for 79.

UNDER-9s TOURNAMENT

Barry Athletic under-9s travelled to Hayes Point, Sully to face St Fagans A, Vale and Barry Wanderers in the latest of their mini tournaments.

With the Stags currently in second place in the under-9 table, wins on the day could keep the pressure on Lisvane.

First up was St Fagans A, and having faced them earlier in the season, the Stags knew what to expect and with some excellent batting performances from Sam and Daley, the Stags recorded 245 from their eight overs.

In the second innings, the Stags fielded and bowled very well to restrict St Fagans A to 237, winning by just eight runs. The Stags have Reuben to thank for this win, claiming his first win as a Stag.

Second up was Vale and with the First XI winning the previous day, the Stags had a chance of doubling the misery on them.

Barry batted first again and made a respectable 236 from their allocated overs, with some good batting from Wesley and Tom.

However, the man of this match had to go to Matthew Eady after taking two wickets in one over to help his side win by just one run.

Lastly, the Stags faced hosts, Barry Wanderers, and although the Wanderers batted first, the Stags applied the pressure straight away, with some great bowling from Dylan and Callum. This helped restrict the hosts to just 241 from their eight overs.

The best performance of the day was left to the last pairing for the Stags, as Sam and Tom smashed more than 15 runs from the two overs, ensuring a 20-run win for the Stags.

After the three victories, the Stags move to the top of the table after Lisvane's match results were yet to be confirmed. The battle for the title may go down to the wire, in a fortnight's time.

On July 12, the under-11s played St Fagans. This was another good match for all the youngsters. Barry won the toss and elected to bat first. There was steady scoring throughout with Kieran and Sam being the pick of the batters, and with only a few wickets down this gave Barry a good platform for the second half of the match.

Barry began strongly and the key was once again solid bowling, but more importantly, an excellent fielding display.

Joshua Eady took man of the match with a great catch.

Barry 308-2 beat St Fagans 226-8 by 82 runs.

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Golf day to help junior development

MEMBERS of Cottrell Park Golf Club are organising a charity golf day to raise money to support their junior section.

Pam Harris, the junior team manager, told The GEM: "As a junior section, we have started providing skills coaching and competitions, free of charge.

"The aim has been to provide free access to any child, no matter what their circumstances, and our junior organiser has forged great links with the primary schools in the area to be able to do this.

"The cadets (beginners) have started learning golf through the passport scheme, and this is provided weekly, with free coaching from an extremely highly qualified team. The junior squad also receive free skills coaching.

"To fund this free coaching, we hold an annual golf day at Cottrell Park – this year on Monday, July 19, at a small cost of £60 for a team of four, which includes all the competitions.

To enter, contact Pam Harris (01446 772027) or Tony McCarthy (07813 902149).

New season on horizon for Sully Sports RFC

AFTER last year's good season, Sully Sports RFC (junior and mini section) are preparing for next season starting this Sunday at the Sully Sports RFC club grounds.

Training will be held every Sunday at 10.30am for all the age groups from under-8 to under-13, and an announcement will be made soon on the other older age groups.

This Sunday (July 18), the club will also hold its annual registration day, and all players, new and old, experienced or non-experienced, are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact the club chairman, Alistair Davies, on 07884 361494.

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07 **07 BMW X3 2.5si SE Automatic** in platinum bronze metallic with sand beige leather interior, aluminum running boards, cd, front and rear parking sensors, heated seats, only 33,160 miles **£18,995**

06 **56 BMW 116i SE 5-dr** in sparkling graphite met with full Boston beige leather interior, comfort pack, cd, climate control, alloy wheels, reversing sensors, auxiliary I-pod connection, only 19,950 miles interior titanium trim, auto lights and auto wipers **£11,995**

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03 **03 BMW 3 Series 2.0 318Ci SE Convertible.** In light yellow metallic, with full black leather interior, electric heated seats with memory, cruise control, climate control, rear parking sensors, 18" Msport alloy wheels, only 55,615 miles **£11,995**

03 **03 BMW 330 Ci 2-Door Convertible.** In Topaz blue with grey Montana interior, 6-CD multi-changer, heated seats, automatic air con, cruise control, rear parking sensors, only 55,130 miles **£11,995**

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09 **09 MINI 1.6 (120bhp) Cooper (Pepper) Graphite** In graphite grey with black interior, storage compartment package, 2 spoke leather steering wheel, air con, CD, only 6,570 miles **£14,495**

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07 **57 HYUNDAI Coupe 2.0 SIII** in steel grey with full red leather interior, climate control, sunroof, cruise control, alloy wheels, only 23,600 miles.....**£10,495**

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07 **07 SEAT Leon 2.0 TDi DPF FR 5-dr Hatchback.** In black magic with FR grey interior, cruise control, air con, traction control system, ESP, only 36,598 miles **£13,495**

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06 **56 HONDA Civic 1.8i V-tec Type-S 3-dr Hatchback.** In alabaster silver with alcantara/suede interior, climate control, CD, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 24,405 miles **£10,495**

05 **55 FORD Street Ka 1.6 Luxury 2-dr Convertible.** In French blue with ebony black leather interior, air con, cd, quick clear front screen, only 21,720 miles.....**£5,995**

04 **04 TOYOTA MR2 1.8 VVTi 140 6-spd** in sable grey met with Santa Monica leather, alloy wheels, chrome roll over bar, wind deflector, cd, alarm and immobiliser, only 49,750 miles **£7,995**

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04 **54 MG TF 1.8 135 Convertible.** In ignition blue with anthracite Sebring interior, alloy wheels, cd player, alarm and immobiliser only 27,100 miles **£4,995**

04 **04 AUDI TT Roadster, 1.8T Quattro (180bhp) 2-dr Convertible.** In cherry black with black leather interior, 18" alloy wheels, BOSE sound system, traction control system, front fogs, only 35,200 miles **£11,995**

04 **04 CITROEN C2 1.6 VTR Sensodrive** in arctic steel silver with neutron mesh interior, paddle shift, alloy wheels, air con, colour coded bumpers, rear spoiler, cd, only 62,100 miles **£4,295**

03 **53 MG TF 1.8 135bhp 2-door Convertible.** In starlight silver with black interior, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, CD, electric windows, only 30,845 miles **£4,495**

02 **02 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8T Quattro (225bhp) 2-dr Convertible.** In silver with special edition grey leather interior, Bose sound system, heated seats, alloy wheels, climate control, only 70,620 miles **£9,995**

02 **02 MG ZS 2.5 180.** In anthracite black, with monaco ash interior with red inserts, alloy wheels, a/c, cd, colour coded bumpers, front fogs, alarm and immobiliser, only 62,310 miles **£2,995**

01 **Y Mitsubishi Shogun 3.2 DI-D GLX LE LWB.** In metallic silver with blue velour interior, cd, alloys, air con, electric windows/mirrors, alarm and immobiliser, only 88,471 miles **£6,495**

00 **W LEXUS IS200 2.0 Sport 4-Door Saloon.** In Strathcarn blue with Oakham suede/leather interior, multi-CD, electric heated seats, electric sunroof, air con, only 57,280 miles **£4,495**

FAMILY

08 **08 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Breeze 5-dr** in star silver met with tabita charcoal interior, alloy wheels, climate control, trip computer, body coloured bumpers, only 10,800 miles **£9,495**

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07 **57 CITROEN C3 1.4 HDi Cool 5-dr hatchback** in Arctic silver with Galand black interior, air con, cd, immobiliser, £35 a year road tax, one owner, only 37,845 miles.....**£6,995**

07 **07 RENAULT Clio 1.4 16v 98 Dynamique 5-dr Hatchback.** In mercury silver with carbon sport interior, air con, CD, front fogs, alarm, only 15,060 miles **£7,295**

06 **06 FORD Focus Zetec Climate 1.8 TDCi Diesel 5-Dr Hatchback.** In black with dark interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 61,199 miles, quick clean screen.....**£6,995**

05 **55 RENAULT Megane 1.6 16v Dynamique** in met platinum silver with ruche cloth interior, auto lights, auto wipers, air con, cd, clour coded bumpers, only 16,380 miles.....**£5,795**

05 **05 HONDA Civic 1.7 CDTi** in magnetic blue with hatch fabric interior, alloy wheels, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 55,130 miles **£6,495**

05 **05 CITROEN C3 1.4 Desire 5-dr hatchback.** In oriental blue with blue/black Tomy interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, immobiliser only 39,840 miles **£4,295**

05 **05 RENAULT Grand Scenic 1.6vvt 115 Rush 5-dr hatchback.** In met blue with grey interior, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, 7 seats only 41,240 miles **£5,495**

04 **54 BMW 3 Series 2.2 320i Sport Touring 5-Dr Estate.** In silver grey with black suede interior, automatic air con, sat nav, rear parking sensors, CD, only 33,170 miles **£9,995**

04 **54 FORD Mondeo 2.0 Ghia 5-dr Hatchback.** In platinum silver with aras ebony interior, front and rear fogs, cruise control, multi cd, quick clear windscreen, only 51,140 miles **£4,995**

04 **54 CITROEN C3 stop&start 1.4 5-dr Automatic Hatchback.** In silver with blue velour interior, air con, cd, alloy wheels, only 29,920 miles **£4,495**

04 **04 TOYOTA Avensis 2.0 VVTi T-Spirit Auto 4-dr Saloon.** Silver fern, st moritz charcoal leather, map gps nav system, climate, cruise, electric seat adjustment, only 55,065 miles **£6,495**

04 **04 FORD Focus 1.6i 16v Zetec 5-dr Hatchback.** In panther black with Saloman black interior, climate pack which includes air con and quick clear heated front screen, alloys, colour coded bumpers, only 83,060 miles **£4,395**

03 **03 HONDA Civic Type S 5-dr** in clover green met with half leather sports seats, climate control, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, full Honda service history, only 36,030 miles **£5,695**

02 **51 TOYOTA Corolla 1.6 VVTi GLS Automatic 5-dr.** In Atlantis blue metallic with hocney interior, alloy wheels, air con, sunroof, cd auto-changer, body coloured bumpers, only 34,790 miles **£3,495**

01 **51 MERCEDES Benz A-Class 1.4 A140 Avantguard 5-dr hatchback.** In red with slate grey half leather/cloth interior, cd, ipod connection, air con, alloy wheels, service history, only 47,790 miles **£3,995**

01 **Y AUDI A4 2.0 SE Saloon.** In metallic silver with full beige leather interior, climate control, CD, alloy wheels, electric sunroof, full Audi service history, only 33,005 miles **£4,995**

SMALL

09 **09 VAUXHALL 1.4 16v Design (a/c) 5-dr Automatic Hatchback.** In black with black interior, cd, alloy wheels, electric mirrors and windows, auto dipping rear view mirror, only 8,020 miles **£10,995**

09 **09 VAUXHALL Corsa Club A/C 1.2 16v 5-Dr.** In black sapphire, with cable charcoal interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, CD, alarm and immobiliser, auxiliary output, only 18,218 miles **£8,495**

09 **09 CHEVROLET Aveo LT 1.4** in pearl black with bricket cloth, aircon, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, alarm and immobiliser, cd, only 16,900 miles **£6,995**

08 **58 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v Design (A/C).** 5 door in ice blue with dark interior, air con, MP3 input, colour coded bumpers, front fog lights, only 19,950 miles.....**£8,495**

08 **08 FORD KA Studio.** In panther black with cascade interior, immobiliser, CD, drivers airbag, central locking, only 32,349 miles.....**£4,995**

08 **08 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style climate 3-dr hatchback.** In panther black with ebony interior, quick clear front screen, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 23,275 miles.....**£6,495**

07 **07 RENAULT Clio Dynamique 1.4 5-dr Hatchback.** In silver with black interior, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, fog lights, only 37,550 miles.....**£6,995**

07 **07 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2i 16v life (a/c) 3-dr hatchback easy tronic.** In metro blue with punch cloth charcoal interior, electric mirrors, air con, immobiliser, service history, only 17,900 miles **£6,495**

06 **06 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Extreme 3-dr Hatchback.** In platinum silver with grey interior, alloy wheels, steering wheel mounted audio controls, colour coded bumpers, CD, only 19,860 miles **£5,995**

06 **55 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style Climate 3-dr.** In tonic blue with Kyoto ebony interior, air con, quickclear front screen, cd, trip computer, colour coded bumpers, only 41,820 miles.....**£5,295**

06 **06 FORD Ka 1.3 Collection.** In panther black with Tic-Toc interior, cd, body coloured bumpers, immobiliser, only 30,866 miles.....**£4,195**

04 **53 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v Active 3-Dr Hatchback.** In ultra blue with points charcoal interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, CD and alloy wheels, only 62,825 miles **£3,395**

03 **53 MINI Cooper 1.6 Pepper.** In pure silver met with Kaleido half leather interior, panormaic sunroof, alloy wheels, cd, body coloured bumpers, only 49,540 miles **£6,995**

03 **03 MINI Cooper Chilli 1.6 3-Dr Hatchback.** In pure silver with anthracite/black panther cloth/leather interior, interior light package, chrome line exterior, air con, CD, only 36,975 miles **£6,995**

03 **03 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Expression 5-Dr Hatchback.** In capsicum red with grey interior, CD, sunroof, power steering, service history, only 58,105 miles **£3,295**

01 **Y VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.4S 3-dr.** In reflex silver met with Pepe interior, sunroof, body coloured bumpers, cd, immobiliser, full VW service history, only 68,350 miles **£3,495**

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Sodexo Limited – **East Camp, MoD St Athan** – temporary five-year planning permission for the construction of a new pedestrian and vehicular access from Eglyws Brewis Road to serve the existing medical and dental centre on East Camp, together with the association relocation of the security fence.

Mr John Galliford – **24 Kingsland Crescent, Barry** – conversion of dwelling to two one-bedroom flats.

Mr Stenstrom – **The Cottage (formerly Railway View), Ogmore Down Common, St Brides Major, Bridgend** – conservatory to south elevation.

Mr and Mrs MT Whittle – **The Darren, 7 Craig Y Eos, Ogmore by Sea** – attached garage, to replace detached garage.

Ms Kim Cuddihy – **30 Cae'r Odyn, Dinas Powys** – proposed ground and first floor extension.

Mr Anthony Evans – **Llandow Circuit, Llandow** – construction of single storey pitched roof toilet block and removal of existing temporary toilet block.

Ms Heather Gunter – **12 Brookfield Avenue, Barry** – two storey side extension to form a lounge, utility room and two bedrooms.

Mr Max Brown – **24a Wick Road, Ewenny** – proposed dwellings and extensions adjoining 24a Wick Road, Ewenny.

Dr Jonathan Evans – **13 Marine Parade, Penarth** – install rooflights in existing single storey kitchen at rear of property.

Stephen Mayled – **Cottage Farm, Michaelston-Le-Pit** – demolish existing office/stables.

Miss Kelly Martin – **17 River Walk, Penarth** – installation of Velux window to rear of house.

Mr Stephen Mayled – **Cottage Farm, Michaelston-Le-Pit** – demolish existing office/stables. Construct one detached dwelling.

Sankai Restaurant – **46 Plassey Street, Penarth** – home delivery service for a temporary period of six months, and hot food takeaway sales between 6pm-10.30pm everyday, except Sundays and Mondays.

Mr R Drake – **White Oaks, Half Moon, Port Road, Wenvoe** – first floor extension to enlarge existing bedroom.

Mr Anthony Williams – **Avondale, 80 Dobbins Road, Barry** – demolition of single storey flat roof toilet and construct a single storey extension to accommodate two bedrooms.

Ty Hafan Children's Hospice – **Ty Hafan Children's Hospice, Hayes Road, Sully** – single storey extension to existing spa room.

Tesco Stores Limited – **Tesco Stores Limited, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff** – installation of one 2.8m bi-parting telescopic door and one 2.2m telescopic door to the main store entrance and two new 2.7m bi-parting telescopic doors to either side of the lobby where structural openings are currently present. The existing EAS security is to be relocated to suit, and the existing internal furniture also. The existing 'goalpost' feature is to be removed.

Mr and Mrs Thomas – **Maes Melyn, Westgate, Cowbridge** – demolition of existing house and construction of new house as approved under Planning Permission 2008/00999/FUL.

Mr and Mrs K Rosser – **176 Jenner Road, Barry** – conversion of existing dwelling into two self-contained apartments including single storey extension to side.

Mr James Bryant – **land adjacent to 91 Main Road, Ogmore by Sea** – erection of one detached dwelling.

Mrs Sally Ferriday – **72 Greenacres, Barry** – first floor extension, dormer window, porch extension.

Mr and Mrs JM Pearce – **Primrose View, St Quentin's Close, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – alteration and extension of existing bungalow to provide additional accommodation at first floor level. Provision of new attached garage.

Sir and Lady Geoffrey Inkin – **Castle Upon Alun House, St Brides Major** – erection of timber and double glazed conservatory.

Openreach – **side of 46 Stanwell Road, Penarth (site in Grove Terrace)** – fibre optic modular cabinet.

Mr Clive Francis – **6 Twyn Yr Eglwys, Colwinston** – two storey extension to existing dwelling providing new kitchen, dining room and ensuite bedroom. Variation to current approval 2010/00188/FUL.

Mr Geoffrey Powell – **1 Court Close, Aberthin** – erection of bedroom and ensuite above existing garage.

Mrs Helen Ann Trigg – **80 Victoria Road, Penarth** – dormer windows to front and rear elevations.

Mrs Maggie Knight – **Penarth Pavilion, The Esplanade, Penarth** – fixing of fascia signs onto the front of the pavilion building and one to the rear to request support of the renovation of the pier building.

Mrs JA Johnson – **1 Heol Pentre Felin, Llantwit Major** – extension above existing garage including loft conversion.

Mrs Louise Smith – **1 Rookery Wood, Sully** – fell m/stem pine and reduce limbs on second pine, along left side towards rear.

Mr Stuart Field – **Lower House Farm, Rhoose, Road, Rhoose** – retention of existing timber garage.

Mrs Sarah Perez – **27 Seaview Drive, Ogmore by Sea** – two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and overall refurbishment on ground and first floor.

Mr Paul Fisher – **The Reading Room, Bonvilston** – four ash to side on neighbouring land: crown raise to 4.5 metres, shorten limbs by 2-3 metres.

Miss Justine O'Dare – **13 Heol Ger y Felin, Llantwit Major** – construct single storey extension to side of dwelling.

Professor Alan Smith – **Crossways, Twyncyn, Dinas Powys** – proposed extension to front elevation.

Beechwood Court Ltd – **Beechwood College, Hayes Road, Sully** – variation of condition 3 of approval reference 07/00841/FUL in relation to alternative amended plans for the scheme.

Cardiff Treescapes – **The Turner Gallery, Plymouth Road, Penarth** – one sycamore at rear of gallery. Crown by overall reduction of 3m. Reduce weight, reduce crown every three years.

Mr Mark Gale – **41 Gwenfo Drive, Wenvoe** – alterations to application 2009/00904/FUL – extend width of two storey side extension only.

Mr Rhodri Smith **– 11 Court Close, Aberthin** – demolition of existing garage/utility. Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, with internal alterations.

Mr Richard Clarkson – **32 Greenfield Avenue, Dinas Powys** – dormer extension to the rear roof elevation.

Mr M Escott – **32 Cowslip Drive, Penarth** – new single storey garage to rear of property.

Judith Martin and Victoria Griffiths – **plot adjacent to the Old Bakehouse, Greenfield Way, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – new dwelling and garage.

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07	1.6i 16V Forte 5dr Estate	Red	37485 miles	£5,495
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08	1.0i Vibe 3dr Hatch	Grey	22108 miles	£5,995
08	1.0i Vibe 5dr Hatch	Red	15469 miles	£5,995
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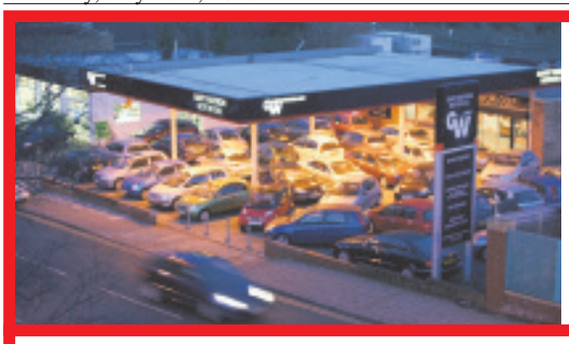

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CADOXTON BOWLS NEWS

The 'A' team are sole bright spot

CADOXTON played Central in the Munro Cup but a tremendous win by the rink skipped by Graham Brown was not enough to ensure victory.

The score included two '3's, two '4's and two '5's while conceding on just six ends.

Howard Craven's four found it hard going in the first half when they conceded 15 shots without reply. There was an improvement during the second half when nine shots were scored against eight.

Kelvin Chedgzoy also found it hard going after losing a '6' on the second end, then a '5' and '4' in the middle, to trail 3-22. The final run-in brought seven shots to either side.

Alan Carpenter's rink dropped from 5-5 to 5-15 by the halfway stage, but a good second period, including a '3' and '4' near the end just failed to make up the deficiency.

P Ellis, H Hellyar, L Cundliffe, G Brown 32-9 G Davies, D Jeynes, B Hutchins, J Bergland.

T Bishop, S Pycroft, G Jones, H Craven, 9-23 C Ditchburn, A Rockey, M Matthews, J Bratcher.

G Davies, J Stewart, K Chedgzoy 10-29 D Ford, L Gray, G Thomas, J Jones.

S Clements, R Coles, I Robertson, A Carpenter 17-19 G Young, I King, H Spencer, A Davies.

Final score: 68-80.

Cadoxton v Grange– Friendly

Cadoxton had a bye in the league so a friendly fixture was arranged away to Grange. The only rink with any success was skipped by Ashley Brown, making his debut in this position.

It wasn't until the 15th end that a telling difference in the scores appeared when a '3' followed by a '2' opened up a gap for the visitors.

The advantage until then was minimal to either side and the scores were tied on 5, 9 and 10. The difference was increased by a further two over the last five ends.

Don Kuhnell kept his rink in the game up until the eighth end when the scores were level at 5-5. However, a run of nine ends with only one win took the result in favour of the home side, although four winning ends reduced the deficit by 5 shots, near the end.

Howard Craven's four had success in four of the first eight ends, but trailed 12-6. Two singles were followed by a run of 10 ends when the home side only conceded two singles and collected counts of '3','4' and '5'.

The rink skipped by Kelvin Chedgzoy conceded a '4' on the first but pulled back to be just one behind at 6-7. However, a '6' started a run of six winning ends and increased the lead to 6-20, before a late challenge reduced this by nine shots, only to concede a '2' on the last.

G Powell, A Carpenter, J Davies, K Chedgzoy 15-22.

T Bishop, D Collard, L Cundliffe, D Kuhnell 12-22.

R Knight, W Vaughan, G Jones, A Brown 19-12.

S Clements, D Evans, S Pycroft, H Craven 13-30.

Final score: 50-99.

Cadoxton 'A' v Birchgrove 'A' – ML6

Birchgrove arrived at Cadoxton with four triples so lost a quarter of their score. Cadoxton took full advantage of this and completed a victory with maximum points.

Roy Harding's rink took a '6' on the first and led 14-0 after six ends. They lost six of the next nine ends, but all singles, while three '2's didn't allow too much of an inroad. A '4' and '3' towards the end ensured a big win.

Another big success came on the rink skipped by John Stewart. The score increased from 4-4 after seven ends, to 14-4 with 12 ends completed. A '5' boosted the advantage even more on the next.

Graham Garland did not have a similar runaway success but a '4' on the final end secured the two points.

Derek Brook's rink were level 6-6 after eight ends, but a '4' followed this and the advantage stayed with them for the remainder of the game.

G Solomon, I Dunbar, L Little, J Stewart, 26-7½.

S Clarke, V Bryant, I Robertson, G Garland 14-13½.

M Curtis, H Hellyar, L Davies, D Brook 22-9.

D Tuck, K Tanner, G Davies, R Harding 28-9.

Final score: 90-39.

It's a 'black Saturday' at Barry Athletic

by CLIVE PHILLIPS

IT was 'Black Saturday' for Barry Athletic Bowls Club with both teams slipping to defeats.

The first team's Carruthers Shield campaign came to an end when they were beaten by four shots by Parc-y-Dre, Llanelli, at Barry Island.

Chris Blake's rink had a comfortable 27-21 win and there were narrow victories for skips Robert Horgan (19-17) and Glyn Thomas (21-19).

But the visitors clinched their overall 81-85 success with an impressive 14 - 28 triumph against Geoff Whittaker's squad.

The Athletic's PG2 side, top of the table and unbeaten before the weekend, took a tumble at Ystradfechan and returned with four points, beaten 89-73 by an on-form Rhondda side.

Gareth Humphreys and Colin Spillane skipped the two winning rinks for the Barry Club with Colin involved in a close encounter until the final wood. His rink snatched a one shot win, while Gareth took the Athletic honours with a fine 28-18 score.

The Athletic's midweek squad collected 10 points from their Munro Cup game against Penarth at Barry Island last Wednesday.

A closely played match ended with the Athletic winning 68 shots to 61.

Skip Billy Wright was top rink with 22-10, while Dave Snelling's rink came in with a comfortable 21-12 scorecard.

Cadoxton ladies' victory in league

CADOXTON ladies attended 'Patron's Day' at Porthcawl on Monday, July 5.

Although they were not part of the winning teams they enjoyed their afternoon playing with the ladies from all over Glamorgan.

On Thursday afternoon we travelled to BP in Sully, the rinks were devoid of grass, and the BP ladies had great advantage playing on their green.

Rink one: Cadoxton – J Watkins, J Pycroft, D Evans, D Davies 11; BP – B Page, A Mepham, M Clarke, B Stanton 27.

The Cadoxton ladies were doing quite well up to end 11 when the score was 10-11 to BP. End 12 saw the Cadoxton ladies holding five shots when the BP skip Barbara Stanton played a wicked shot which killed the end. The replayed end yielded four shots for BP and then the team dominated the game.

Rink two: Cadoxton – J Wood , P Cox, P Davies, J Tuck 4; BP – P Morgans, C Harris M Greenslade, V Morgan 29.

The Cadoxton ladies could not get to grips with the rink. They only won four ends, the strong BP team dominating right throughout the game.

Rink three: Cadoxton – M Conibear, A Jones, M Slee M O Callaghan 6; BP – L Woodwock M Smith S Parker, A Dainton 32.

The Cadoxton ladies could not come to terms with the speed of the rink. The ladies have no experience of indoor conditions.

It may have been a catastrophe shot-wise but the company was good and all the ladies enjoyed the afternoon and a wonderful tea put everything to right.

The evening league was played on July 9 when Cadoxton ladies welcomed Dinas Powys at Victoria Park.

Rink one: Cadoxton – J Wood, J Pycroft, P Davies, N Clissett 14; Dinas Powys – S Gibbon, S Pullen C Westphal, M Diment 17.

This was a very even match with each team scoring nine ends each, the score on the 17th end being equal at 14. In an exciting last end, Dinas Powys won for three shots and took the game.

Rink two: Cadoxton – C Hope, P Cox, D Evans, J Tuck 17; Dinas Powys – A Fraser, J Haswell, B Moses, J Medding 12.

Cadoxton took an early lead. Dinas Powys were unable to make progress, winning only five shots in the first 10 ends. By end 16, the score was 17-9 to Cadoxton and Dinas Powys took the last two ends for three shots, but were unable to catch up.

Final score: Cadoxton 31 Dinas Powys 29.

The Glamorgan competitions this year have been well supported by Cadoxton ladies. Thank you to all who entered and made these competitions successful.

Congratulations to the triples – P Bryant, Dianne Evans and skip Jean Tuck who are playing in the semi-finals of the section during the week.

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Barry Eagles: Scott, Ross, James, Benjamin, Max, Jake, Sam, JD and Sion.

Eagles say a fond goodbye to Ross

BARRY Eagles under-10s football team recently held their presentation evening.

The team challenged the mums, dads and siblings to an enjoyable match and then each team member received a trophy in recognition of another enjoyable season.

The evening was tinged with sadness as Ross, a member of the team since it started in 2005, is leaving as his family are moving away from the area. The team wish Ross every success for the future.

The Central bowlers respond to pressure

BARRY Central visited Rhoose Bowling Club on Saturday in a 'must win' game having narrowly lost to St Peter's the previous week by one shot.

As the game progressed Central found themselves in a good position after five ends with Alan Davies winning 10 shots to nil, Ted Hudd winning by 9 shots to nil and Joe Bratcher winning by 8 shots to 1.

The only rink who found things difficult was John Jones's and found themselves 7 shots to 1 down.

As the game progressed John and his team got to grips with the surface and gradually fought back to reduce the arrears to 4 shots after 15 ends with the other rinks consolidating their good start.

Joe Bratcher's rink had a bit of a bad run in the latter part of the game losing 8 shots on 4 ends while the rinks of Alan Davies and Ted Hudd continued their good start and kept the opposition at bay for the rest of the game.

John Jones's rink continued to struggle and some excellent bowling by Rhoose skip Ron Ball proved to be the difference between the two sides although for Central, Haydn Spencer had a terrific game.

The final scores resulted in a win for Central by 9 shots. This resulted in 10 valuable points with Rhoose gaining four points. The next home game against Abercynon is another game that Central must win to help them consolidate their position in the league.

Scores: J Jones 11, R Ball 23, A Davies 27, E Morre 10, E Hudd 26, J Wathes 19, J Bratcher 16, L Parsons 19.

Central 80, Rhoose 71.

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